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## VAGINA MONOLOGUES



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Junior Briana Skirm and freshman Sam Bourdon (LEFT) and freshman Mija Johnson (RIGHT) performed in the Vagina Anti-Violence Alliance's production of the Vagina Monologues last week in Schneebeck Auditorium. All proceeds from the production will go to the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County.

## Top schools offer increased aid to students of middle-income families

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This year, the nation's top schools are re-vamping their financial aid for students from middle-income families.

The issue of limited financial aid for middle-income and upper-middle-income university students has become a contested issue at many colleges around the nation. However, some notable institutions are beginning to lead a movement for an expansion of financial aid aimed to target this demographic in the future.

Among the colleges that are expanding their financial aid is Harvard University, which announced in Dec. 2007 its reforms in financial aid policies to make the college more affordable for families of all income levels. This reform will



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Staff from Student Financial Services confer over a student's financial aid file. More than 95 percent of UPS students receive financial aid; 85 percent of recipients receive UPS grants.

specifically target middle- and upper-middle-income families through an increase in grants, elimination of student loans, and a removal of home equity from financial aid calculations.

According to the Harvard University Gazette, the plan Harvard intends to implement consists of a "zero to 10 percent standard," which reduces the amount families with incomes below \$180,000 will be expected to pay. Families with

incomes between \$120,000 and \$180,000, with assets typical for these income levels, will be asked to pay 10 percent of their incomes. For families with incomes below \$120,000, the contribution percentage will decline from 10 percent, reaching zero for those who earn incomes of \$60,000 and below.

The plan will allow students to reduce the number of loans they take out by supplanting

them with scholarships and grants from the school.

Harvard will no longer consider home equity in determining the financial aid package of its students. This is expected to reduce the price by an average of \$4,000 per year for affected families.

Although many schools are shifting financial aid policies, UPS plans to stay steady.

According to Vice President for Enrollment George Mills, UPS already offers financial aid at a higher percentage than many of the institutions that are expanding their programs.

Nearly 70 percent of Harvard students receive financial aid and 50 percent of the student body receives some sort of need-based institutional grant.

In comparison, more than 95 percent of students at UPS receive some form of financial aid, and 85 percent of those people receive UPS grants.

"We are on a percentage basis providing financial aid at a much higher level than those institutions are," Mills said. "What we are doing is expending our dollars to a broader amount of students."

Yale, Dartmouth, and Cornell are also among universities

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## Program wins Tacoma service award

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The Community Involvement and Action Center (CIAC) was recently nominated for the 2008 City of Destiny Award for their success last year during their Operation S.A.V.E. program. The award, which is given by the City of Tacoma, recognizes hardworking, deserving volunteers who make Tacoma a great place to live. CIAC will be formally acknowledged during a public ceremony at Jason Lee Middle School on Mar. 13.

Initiated in 1996, with the help of Jacki Droge, Director of CIAC, Operation S.A.V.E. brings community organizations and volunteers to UPS to collect and sort thousands of

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# Students return to Korea after four week exchange



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Korean exchange students pose with members of the Tacoma Fire Department on a field trip.

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It was all smiles in the SUB lounge, Feb. 13 as both Korean and American participants of the New University for Regional Development Project (NURI) Short Term Language Training Program chatted before what would become one of their last conversation hours.

Some students were engrossed in deep discussions while others laughed at a joke told by one of the Korean students, still others watched the door intently for the last few stragglers to come ambling in. School of Business and Leadership Professor James McCullough attributed their tardiness to sore muscles from the students' rock climbing adventure the previous day. As the group broke into their activities, which varied from Valentine-making to discussions on politics, McCullough described the program that had brought 30 students from Konkuk University to campus Jan. 21 to Feb. 20.

"The NURI Short Term Language Training Program is funded by the Korean government so students can come to America to learn English and learn about American culture," McCullough said.

Students visiting from Konkuk University in Cheunju, South Korea are here mainly for their interest in international affairs. While some are majoring in economics and mathematics, most focus on international business.

For a little over four weeks Korean students lived with local Tacoma families, attended

English classes and took field trips to businesses and corporations in the Northwest. The most popular trip among students this year was to the Boeing Everett Factory, evident by their eagerness to describe the experience and the numerous souvenirs that adorn their backpacks and purses.

"Reception has been warm on both sides" School of Business and Leadership Secretary and Program Coordinator Heather Sitt, '06, remarked.

Sitt recalled her affiliation with the program as a T.A. in the first year of the program at UPS. After her graduation in 2006, Sitt joined the University staff in her current position.

"It's so much fun; that's the reason I've done it three years in a row" Sitt said.

As a group of girls crafted Valentines for the next day, they compared the campuses of their home school and UPS.

"It's a lot more free here," one student explained.

The comment was in reference to the numerous clubs and organizations on campus, as well as Puget Sound's dormitory living options. Students at Konkuk University focus more on their studies, with no official clubs or sporting opportunities on campus. There are also no housing options on the Konkuk Cheunju campus. Some students were particularly impressed by the student-produced radio station, KUPS.

Young Kwang Kim was another of the students visiting from Konkuk University. For Kim, the hardest adjustment to make in the United States was not the language difference but the lack of a popular Korean fermented cabbage dish, Kim chi.

"We like Kim chi [but] most Americans think it smells or has bad taste. It's a different food culture," Kim said.

Student Teacher Assistants have been essential to the learning process of the Konkuk students. The team is comprised of Seniors Mike Kimmel, Andrea Cederberg, Valerie Koch, Suzi Pratt, Nick Cowgill and Rio Connelly, Juniors Pat Owens and Lynda Foster and Sophomore Kate Trinh.

"The [Konkuk] students work with UPS students to improve their language skills and gain a better understanding of American culture," McCullough explained.

English professor and faculty leader from Konkuk University Kwan echoed McCullough's statement.

"Direct contact with Americans, especially T.A.s who are approximately the student's ages, has helped greatly in improving their English language abilities," Kwan said.

Kim expressed his gratitude to the T.A.s for all their help over his stay in the Northwest.

"The T.A.s are really helpful for learning how to speak... [They] are very kind," Kim said.

T.A. and Asian Studies major Mike Kimmel's experience with the Konkuk students has been equally gratifying. Listing Korean food and field trips as some of the perks of the job, Kimmel also found reward in seeing the students' English improve over the weeks.

"It's gotten so much better," Kimmel said while overseeing a game being played by the students.

The first half of the conver-

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# Black History month essential to nation

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Why should there be a Black History Month? This question, occasionally spoken out loud but more often merely muttered, returns like the crocuses every February. Why, some ask, should the history of any single group be celebrated?

Beneath the surface of this dispute lurks the pernicious but unspoken question W. E. B. Dubois gave voice to over a century ago: "How does it feel to be a problem?" For the majority of residents of this country, celebrating "their" history reminds us of a past we would rather forget in favor of a Fourth-of-July-parade view of U. S. History.

My claim is that Black History Month provides an opportunity for everyone to reflect on what it means to be "an American." I will recount one story out of the many available. Desegregation of the armed forces after World War II is often celebrated as a prime example of successful integration. Largely forgotten in this celebration, however, is the courageous role of "the Negro press" in fighting segregation in the military.

Combining the struggle against discrimination with the need to run a profitable business, these papers had become a powerful political force by the 1920s. They championed campaigns against lynching and carried stories about black achievements which were ignored in the mainstream newspapers.

National preparation for World War II, which preceded the Pearl Harbor attack, stimulated the economy and provided jobs in the midst of the Depression. Segregation, however, kept black Americans from this recovery. In addition, the armed forces restricted blacks to jobs as laborers or food handlers. As the war approached, editors and publishers of Negro newspapers began to press for desegregation of a military dominated by white officers from the South and of defense industries that systematically excluded blacks.

Their efforts began to pay off with the election of 1940. Black voters were courted by both parties in a close election. Only last-minute action by President Roosevelt - starting a "Negro" training facility in the Army Air Corps in Tuskegee Alabama, appointing a Civilian Aide on Negro Affairs in the War Department, and promoting Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. as the first black general in the Army - prevented a majority of those voters from supporting the Republican

candidate, Wendell Willkie.

In 1942 the Pittsburgh Courier published a letter from James G. Thompson, a cafeteria worker in an aircraft plant, stressing the importance of achieving victory over both "enemies from without" and "enemies from within." Thompson's letter inspired the Double V campaign. Negro newspapers reported stories of segregation within military bases and violence directed at black servicemen when they ventured into the surrounding towns. These newspapers continued to call for an end to segregation and discrimination.

Circulation of Negro newspapers increased dramatically. Weekly sales approached two million by 1945. Sales figures, however, underestimated the readership of these papers, as copies of each issue were usually handed around to a number of other people.

The actions of these publishers and editors did not go unnoticed by the government. At various times President Roosevelt, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and the U.S. Postal Service tried to restrict the mailing of Negro newspapers or prosecute the editors for "sedition." However, Attorney General Francis Biddle, who was committed to the preservation of freedom of dissent even in wartime, refused to prosecute them.

The efforts to desegregate the military did not come to fruition until 1948 when President Truman issued Executive Order 9981 shortly after the Democratic Convention. When soldiers went to Korea, many of them fought in racially integrated units.

Editors and publishers of Negro newspapers refused to let calls for national loyalty or the threats of criminal prosecution deter their efforts to combat segregation and discrimination. Their actions, combined with an Attorney General's strong commitment to the Bill of Rights, established a legacy that affects us today. Dissent does not equal disloyalty. Fighting injustice at home is not a privilege that can be taken away when we face a common enemy.

Until we are able to openly examine all aspects of our past and overcome the legacy of racial injustice, we will need events like Black History Month to move us toward an inclusive nation. I long for the day when Dubois' question: "What does it mean to be a problem?" becomes obsolete. Our task is to replace it with the question: What can we learn from each other about the struggle to overcome inequality?

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## UPS environmental education awarded

*Citizens for a Healthy Bay recognize sustainability in and out of classes*



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Professor Alan Thorndike looks on as a student draws on the black board in Earth's Climate.

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UPS's ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental consciousness was rewarded Jan. 9 when Citizens for a Healthy Bay, a group working to restore and protect Commencement Bay, presented President Ron Thomas with an award for Excellence in Environmental Education.

According to a university press release, President Thomas said: "Environmental education is extremely important here at Puget Sound, both inside and outside the classroom. The development of sustainable practices and the commitment to improve the health of our community is more than just a list of prescribed practices or operational changes – it is a way of critically thinking about our role in the world and preparing our students for leadership in solving environmental challenges."

UPS has taken an innovative approach to sustainability in recent years. What makes UPS different from other universities, according to Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) co-chair Steven Neshyba, is not the fact that UPS is working towards a more sustainable

campus, but that in doing so, it is sending off graduates that understand the process behind sustainability.

"There are many schools that encourage sustainability," Neshyba said. "Students can live sustainably for four years on many campuses. At UPS, we try to create sustainability by giving students the chance to propose projects and see them through. If you can do it on the UPS campus, you can do it somewhere else."

Such projects are coordinated by the SAC, which is a relatively new committee, has enabled many tangible changes to occur at UPS. It is one of the only groups on campus composed of students, staff and faculty, and it has three task forces (transportation, energy, and solid waste) that work with the larger Tacoma community.

One purpose of the SAC is to actually set in motion the ideas that students and faculty have for making the campus more sustainable.

Twice a year, the SAC allocates funding. Students have the chance to formally propose their ideas, which are evaluated to ensure that they are both realistic and will have a measurable, positive impact on campus. After the projects are implemented, they are

re-assessed to determine their impact and ideas for improvements are considered.

Sustainable projects around campus include the Bring Back the Dishes campaign, worm bins (vermiculture) and a student-designed rain garden. By continuously setting sustainable programs in motion, the SAC aims to institutionalize sustainable behavior. This has been successful, for example, in the case of low-waste campus events such as Log Jam. The idea was introduced to the campus community, Facilities Services supported the idea,

and now, conducting the picnic in an environmentally friendly way is the norm.

So what does the future hold for environmental education at UPS? Several ideas have come up.

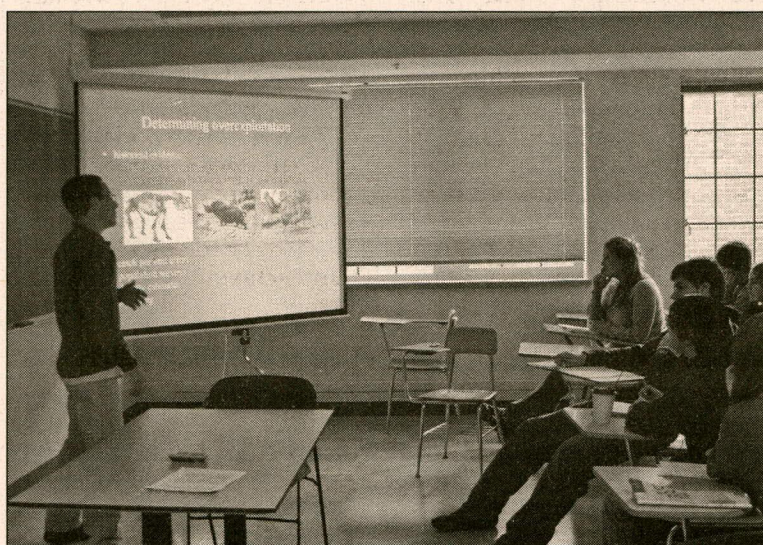
"One of the visions of the SAC, and of the University in general, is to include sustainability across the curriculum, much as we include writing across the curriculum," Neshyba said.

Periodic workshops offer professors the chance to exchange ideas about how to integrate the ideas of sustainability and environmental responsibility into every course, not just the courses under the Environmental Studies minor.

Another of the SAC's long-term goals is to save money through sustainability on campus. Critics of the green movement often cite cost as a justification to keep wasteful practices in place; however, going green can often be economically viable. When the university generates less waste, for example, it does not have to pay as much to have it hauled away.

The Environmental Studies curriculum is being expanded as well.

A new faculty member will be hired to specialize in International Environmental Policy and there is also a possibility that an Environmental Studies major will be added in addition to the minor. •



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Professor Peter Hodum gives a lecture in Conservation.

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that have announced expansion plans for their financial aid programs.

According to Mills, as the state and federal government have reduced their participation in the financial aid spectrum, institutions are much stronger in financial aid than they were a few years ago.

This is especially true for institutions with large endowments. One of the main reasons that these top-name institutions are undergoing this type of change is because of the political pressure they are receiving to spend their endowments. According to the National Association of College & Business Officers, more than 76 U.S. institutions had endowments over \$1 billion in 2007.

UPS is at a different level in terms of endowment – although the UPS endowment is solid and growing, it is at approximately 250 million, which is not nearly as much as many institutions that are expanding their financial aid.

According to an article on tuition assistance for the middle class in Business Week, only one percent of students will be affected by the financial aid decisions at the nation's top schools, mainly because smaller institutions do not have hefty endowments comparable to the Ivy-league schools.

Even without the large endowments of big-name schools, UPS is still committed to offering the necessary amount of financial aid to its students.

"We are very much committed with working with students who want to enroll here and are financially needy," Mills said. "We want to be careful not to let finance of Puget Sound limit enrollment."

Senior Rachael LeRoy has been satisfied with her financial aid package at UPS, she said.

Although LeRoy is happy with her financial aid, she recognizes that with the rise in tuition throughout the country, will discourage people applying to college. She emphasized the importance of keeping financial aid a priority for students of all income backgrounds.

"I do think it's important to offer financial aid to as many people as possible," she said. "It makes the opportunity to go to school a lot more reasonable for those who normally can't." •

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pounds of clothes, electronics, shoes, bedding, school supplies, and food that would have otherwise been disposed of.

Each year, hundreds of 60-gallon garbage bags donated by Simpson/Tacoma Craft are placed into residence halls during freshman move-out. As students prepare to leave campus for the summer, they are encouraged to donate what they would normally throw away.

Last year, Operation S.A.V.E. collected over 400 trash bags of donated items, which were delivered to the Kilworth Basement for sorting by faculty, staff, students, and various community partners, such as the Metro Parks Special Populations Program and the Women's Y Shelter. The entire process, which involved everything from folding clothes to searching for unmatched shoes, took 3 days.

"Before, all this stuff went into the trash, but because so many people join together to help, everything left behind gets used," Droge said.

Operation S.A.V.E. gives students the opportunity to volunteer while at the same time helping the greater community.

"The award," Droge continued, "is a great way to offer a public thanks to all these organizations and volunteers who help us out."

When Operation S.A.V.E. started 11 years ago, it was one of the first sustainability programs UPS offered. Back then, Droge explained, the word 'sustainability' wasn't even used. Now, however, it's a buzz-word, and amongst the many other sustainability initiatives UPS facilitates, Operation S.A.V.E. remains one of the most successful.

If you want to get involved

with the community in similar volunteer work, CIAC is a useful resource. With over 250 partner agencies and organizations, students can find a volunteer option to fit their skills and needs. From tutoring in writing and math to planting trees in local parks, there is a wealth of opportunities to choose from.

Droge has 20 years' experience in the organization and an 11 member student staff to help coordinate programs and get students involved.

"This has always been a part of my life, and the need is so great – students can be involved with anything and make a difference," Droge said.

CIAC has new opportunities each week, including a chance to plant in a garden at Blueberry Park this upcoming weekend. If interested, Droge can be reached at extension. 3736 or at ciac@ups.edu. •

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# Burritos disappear from Casa Ortega menu

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Over winter break, changes were implemented in Dining and Conference Services.

"As [students] may have noticed, there was some work done over the winter break and the Pac-Rim and Casa Ortega Stations were switched," Assistant Manager of Dining and Conference Services Steven Davis said. "We have also purchased some new equipment so that we could expand the choices in the Casa Ortega station."

According to Davis, the overall goal of the changes made to both the menu and the ambience is to expand the choices available to students.

"We wanted to move in the direction of offering more Hispanic options, and not just the Americanized version of 'Mexican' food which you see at places like Taco Bell, Taco Time, and so on," Davis said.

Many students were disappointed when burritos were taken off the menu.

"The burritos were really good, and I could get them on the go if I was busy, said freshman Katie Tam. "It was disappointing to see that they aren't on the menu anymore."

However, according to Davis, burritos have not been taken off the Casa Ortega menu permanently.

"Due to some challenges created by the work done over the winter break, we have limited the burritos temporarily until we can work out the logistics of the new station and [students] will see [the burritos on the menu] again, but they may not be a daily staple since the Hispanic culture has so many other options to offer," Davis said.

Other changes have also been made throughout the Dining

and Conference Services department.

"Similar to the Casa Ortega station, [students] have seen us begin to expand our Italian station to include more options from the Mediterranean," Davis said. "We have some very nice and authentic choices being offered at dinner, and we now offer the Panini sandwiches."

Davis also says that the Dining and Conference Services Department is also looking to offer more organic ingredients at the salad bar.

"We continue to look for viable sources to obtain organic milk that are available in 1/2 pints and through our main line distributors," Davis said.

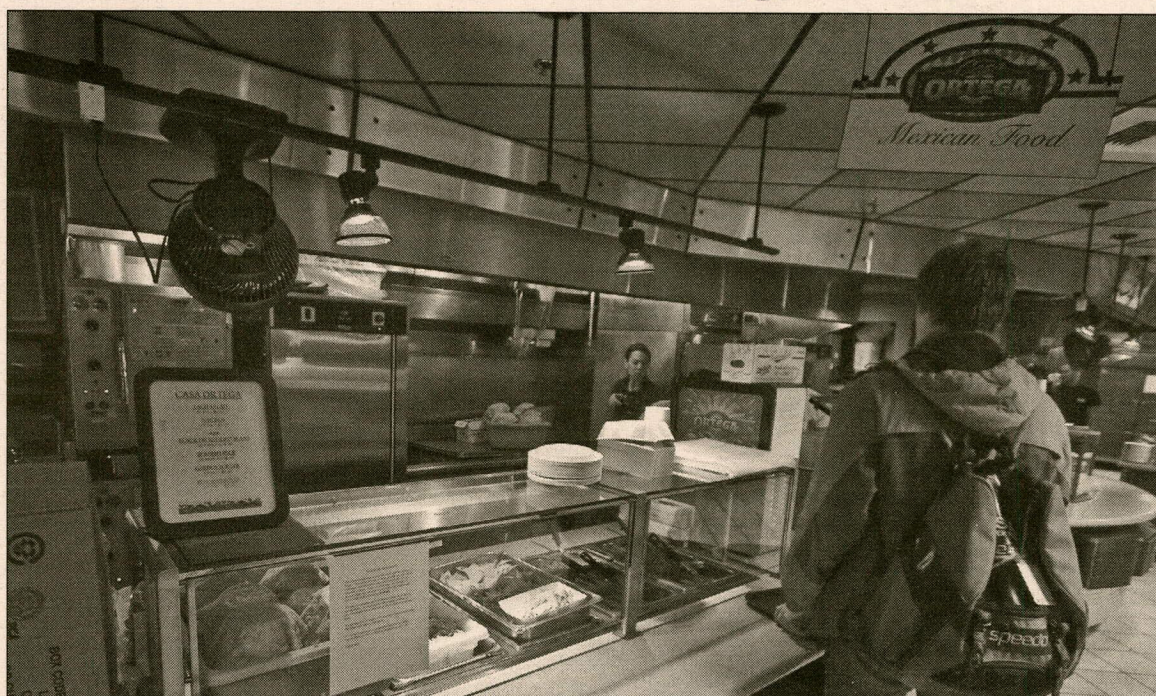
The deli now offers artisan breads made by a bakery in Seattle.

"Most of the breads are organic and free of preservatives [and] are also made by a local bakery, which means they are fresher and in keeping with some sustainable concepts," Davis said. "Also in the deli, we have come up with sandwich options that bring together proteins, spreads and breads."

"Menus [are] always in a state of evolution," Davis said. "We recognize that we have a lot of repeat customers, so it is incumbent on us to offer new options; [imagine] going to your favorite restaurant every day for four years."

"The overall goal [of the changes] is to expand the choices that folks can get," Davis said. "The reality is that there is a rich culture with a plethora of opportunities to offer our guests," Davis said.

"This offers more varied choices and it can educate the campus community about the choices people from other cultures enjoy; our goal in [Dining and Conference Services] is to provide people with choices, but to add an educational component."



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According to Dining and Conference Services employees, burritos will return to Casa Ortega.

## UPS under accreditation review

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Once again, the University must step forward and present its story to the nation—it's accreditation time.

Every ten years, postsecondary institutions must undergo a process called accreditation, in which they are evaluated by regional organizations on their educational caliber. The process is deemed "voluntary" but as Alyce DeMarais, Associate Dean and accreditation liaison officer, said, "If you want to be taken seriously as a University, you have to do it."

Being accredited also makes the University eligible for federal funding, money that will go to provide for research, teaching, and student financial aid. Non-accredited institutions do not receive federal funding.

### EXCHANGE

sation hour ended with a variation on the game Scattergories. T.A.s instructed two teams of six people to write the most English words they could think of to describe Tacoma. While some of

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) is in charge of assessing the Northwest region, which includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

The process involves two parts. The first includes compiling and submitting a document called the self-study. This self-study addresses the nine standards set by the NWCCU and how they have been met. The second part is an accreditation site visit, in which evaluators come to the campus and determine the validity of the self-study. These evaluators then turn in their own assessment of the University to the NWCCU and accreditation is decided upon thereafter.

DeMarais, along with Sarah Moore, Associate Academic Dean, chairs the Reaccreditation Steering Committee, a committee that guides the

accreditation process. One of their major functions includes directing the assemblage of the self-study and gathering input and feedback from the campus community. Data is collected and compiled by key departments to determine what they have been doing and how they have been furthering the University's mission. Questionnaires and surveys are also sent out to students, staff, and faculty for feedback. The committee feels that everybody should be involved.

"It's an opportunity for UPS to tell our story," DeMarais said.

Once the self-study has been posted for campus review, in September 2008, anybody is welcome to review and comment.

UPS has been accredited since April 1923.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To whom it may concern:

Yesterday at least two men (students) drove through campus with two very large naked women's breasts represented in 3-D form on the front of their truck. I briefly saw the truck pass on the sidewalk between Howarth and Trimble and I am not sure as to the rest of the route. As a member of this campus, I should not be made to feel less-than-human by other community members, and this blatant objectification of a woman's body makes me feel dehumanized. Nobody should be made into an object whose purpose is to be consumed and played with by others. We should not tolerate any groups being targeted by having their image reduced to something consumable and marketable.

My purpose in writing this letter is to draw attention to this specific event and to the larger meanings behind what was probably meant as a harmless joke. The "joke" has weight, it has meaning, it has an impact. The "joke" also violated the school's new "Campus Policy Prohibiting Harassment and Sexual Misconduct."

"A2. the conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a person's work

or educational performance or creating a working or learning environment that a reasonable person of the same sex and in the same circumstances as the person would find intimidating, hostile, or offensive (hostile environment harassment)."

The event reinforced cultural norms which say that it is ok to consume a woman's body without it being attached to a real person (with thoughts, emotions, creativity, etc.). Media and other socialized messages tell men they are entitled to engage with women as objects for consumption all the time, but men are especially authorized to do so on Mardi Gras. Similarly, I have enough messages telling me, as a woman, how big my breasts should be or how thin my waist should be in order for men to desire parading me around. I don't appreciate men literally parading around a huge set of breasts on this campus as a further reminder of this.

I have tried to raise discussion with peers and have heard the following remarks: "I understand [what happened]. I don't think it's ok, but I understand it," and, "It's not even a big deal, I don't think they really thought about it." I would like discussion to delve further than this sort of speculation of intention. What

messages this act sent publicly are important, not so much the intentions housed in the men's heads. The act targeted a group of people who are constantly pummeled with similar messages: you are nothing but a pair of breasts...and they better be large or you've got nothing to offer.

I am not ashamed of the human form, I am not against nudity. This was not tasteful, artistic or celebratory of life in any way. It is objectifying and dehumanizing to have two men driving a tits-truck around the middle of campus screaming and hollering to draw attention to the fact that they are doing so.

I ask that the members of this campus community begin to respect the humanity of one another. I ask that we make decisions consciously, considering the meanings of our actions and words in order to develop a safer, more conscientious community.

Thank you for your time,  
Allegra Oxborough

the words they came up with would have been better suited to describe American culture in general ("Target, Abercrombie, Levis") and others a more general display of their English

knowledge ("cafe, fire station, beach"), there was still a sense that they had gotten a true taste of the Northwest lifestyle--the first three words on one team's board: "rains, sunny, windy." •

## Security Report

The following incidents occurred on campus and were reported to Security Services between Feb. 12 & Feb. 18:

- Three separate incidents of graffiti were reported in various areas of the Library basement. All three seem to be penned by the same individual.
- A student was contacted for investigation of marijuana use on campus.
- One incident of graffiti was reported on a window on a Union Ave. residence.
- A student reported her purse was possibly stolen while she was on campus. She is not entirely sure when the theft occurred, but noticed several hundred dollars charged without permission on her credit card.
- An alleged attempted robbery occurred in the vicinity of N. 11th and Cedar Streets at approximately 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. Two Puget Sound students report that they were walking when they were approached by a mid-sized sedan with three or four occupants. One of the occupants demanded the student's wallets, but the students fled the area and nothing was taken. Neither student was physically injured in the incident. A report has been filed with Tacoma Police Department.

Please contact Security if you have information about the incidents described above. Graffiti is a waste of tuition dollars. Any information to stop this senseless act is appreciated. We advise the campus community to continue to take personal safety precautions, including keeping residence doors and windows locked, walking in groups and in well-lit areas at night, and taking advantage of the Security Services escort program. Please report any suspicious activity to Security Services at x3311 or Tacoma Police at 911.

• Courtesy of Todd A. Badham, Director of Security Services.



# COMICS & CLASSIFIEDS

THE TRAIL

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## Hey You...

Wanna write a Hey You?  
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"HEY YOU," write in Dono-  
hew and Riggs for ASUPS.  
That's HEW, to YOU!

"HEY YOU," ARE YOU  
AWARE? 4.6.2008

"HEY YOU," foxy OC babe,  
thanks for the mocha with the  
tulip in the foam.

"HEY YOU," You're a good

friend, I'm gonna write a note  
to remind me to tell you later.

"HEY YOU," it's not like the  
names are in Kanji or some-  
thing, sound it out for chris-  
sakes.

"HEY YOU," girl in my cell  
bio lab who has a fake, per-  
petual smile plastered on your  
face. You're creeping me out.

"HEY YOU," flex for me.

"HEY YOU," so where ex-  
actly is my lifeguard certifica-  
tion?

"HEY YOU," good luck on  
applying for the cafe manager!  
We can do this shit, guys!

"HEY YOU," the piglet went  
to the store and purchased...  
thongs. Thanks for the story  
and the chuckles!

"HEY YOU," senior boys,  
preying on underclassmen girls  
does not make you cool. You're  
a spineless jerk.

"HEY YOU," remember  
when our house was nice and  
clean. WTF??

"HEY YOU," person who  
doesn't know that the signs  
with the names under the  
cherry trees mean, why don't  
you try being forced into an in-  
ternment camp based solely on  
your race and against your will  
and let's see how you feel...get  
a clue.

think it would be really neat if  
you had a solution.

"HEY YOU," then you would  
just cheat! That's no fun.

"HEY YOU," your moth-  
er is a!---in a bucket of!---  
Republican!---ing!---in a cas-  
tle far away where no one can  
hear you!---soup!---Daniel  
Radcliffe!---Mickey Mouse!

"HEY YOU," thanks for  
making sure that I alternated  
my consumption of alcoholic  
beverages with plenty of snacks  
and water.

"HEY YOU," pathetic cou-  
ple, I totally heard you getting  
in the moan-zone up in the li-  
brary keyboard room.

"HEY YOU," puppy, stop  
shedding on the carpet!

"HEY YOU," ninja, I think  
you're rad.

"HEY YOU," Sudoku, I

"HEY YOU," the sub food is  
not that bad...sometimes it re-  
ally hits the spot!

"HEY YOU," ResLife, what  
exactly is your hiring process?  
A lot of qualified people were  
not hired!

"HEY YOU," dead crow, get  
off my lawn before I make you  
into an art project.

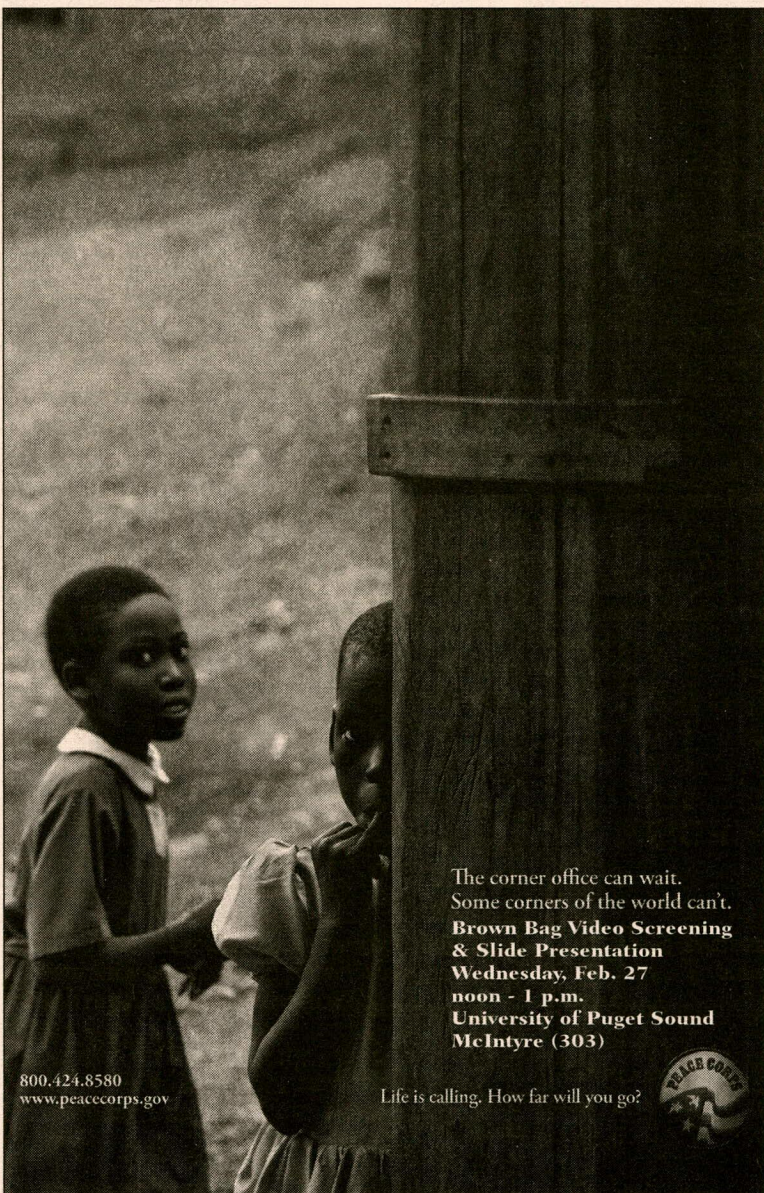
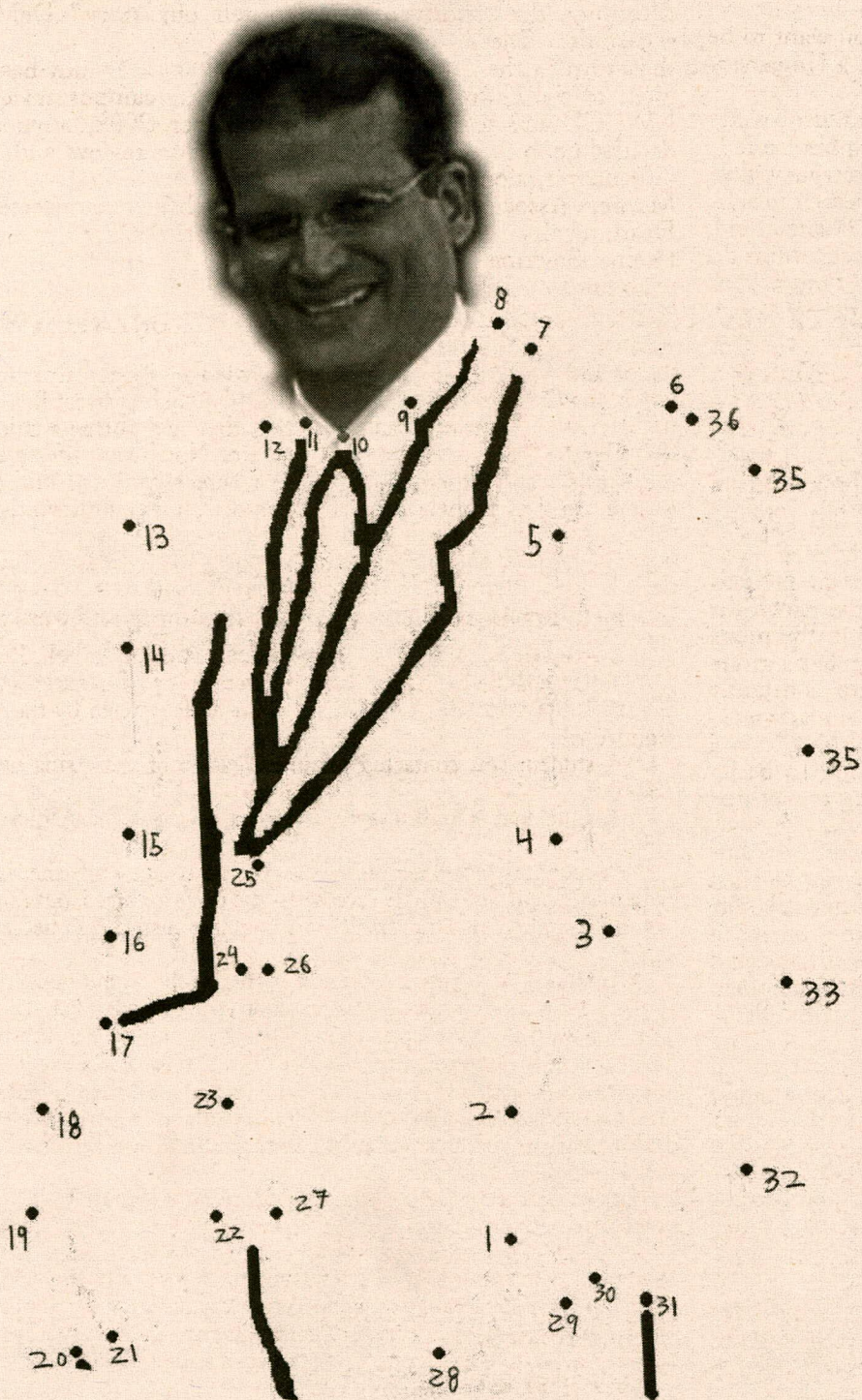
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## Regester's future

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Of the wide variety of housing available to the UPS community, I cannot think of one that has been so wholly mocked as Regester. With its plethora of nicknames (the nunnery, the virgin vault, the cherry orchard, the fallopian fortress), single gender restriction, and absurdly clean hallways, I cannot imagine enjoying living there. Then again, I am also a guy.

Every year, 78 female students reside within the appallingly clean walls and eerily quiet hallways. As a product of being a single gender, Regester is largely a quieter, cleaner dorm that many women find easier to get work done in than their peers. But will Regester always remain a single gender? Does it reflect a more thoroughly conservative mindset that is terribly outdated in our modern society? Will the hairier sex finally intrude upon those hallowed walls?

As it turns out, they already have. Regester, named after a beloved professor, John D. Regester of whom also has a lecture series named after him, has housed men before. A quick scan of the yearbooks circa the late 70's will reveal that just like any other dorm, Regester used to be co-ed. Another quick scan of the yearbooks around the late 90's will also reveal that Smith hall used to be split vertically between two sororities, also rendering it a single gender facility. Sometime in the 80's Regester went girl only, but it may not remain that way.

As it stands now, Residential Seminars dominate most of the unthemed housing on campus. The Residential Seminar program houses the incoming Freshman class according to their first semester advising class. The program does however allow for students with a preference (like the substance free floor or the outdoor adventure program) to supersede the automatic housing placement. As a result, roughly thirteen out of sixteen students in an advising program will live together in Anderson/Langdon or Todd/Phibbs halls.

But next year the Residential Seminar programs are growing again, from ten to sixteen. This jump provides a huge logistical challenge for Residence Life staff, who must place all of

the incoming freshman in the dorms. In housing the freshman, Res Life must take into account that roommates should probably get along, want to live in a huge freshman hall and need to be housed in the same vicinity as thirteen other students. With Seward offering co-ed by floor, Regester being single sex and Schiff dominated by anyone with a backpacking fetish, the space available has grown increasingly limited. So what happens if another professor or two wants to get in on the residential seminar program?

"We're right on the threshold now," Director of Residence Life Shane Daetwiler said. "If the program grows any more, we're going to have to consider our options."

As things stand now, Regester will continue to be a single sex dorm next year, but perhaps not the year after that.

"Someone asks me this question every year," Daetwiler said. "Do we need Regester as an all girl's dorm?"

The answer is not really, but according to Daetwiler a surprisingly large amount of girls are very pleased with their experience come the end of the year. The entire single gender thing prevents any sort of "dormcest" and, contrary to popular belief, a healthy amount of girls choose Regester as their first or second choice of living. Realistically in the next few years, Regester will not remain an all women's dorm, and the conversion will be simple.

Already Regester has two bathrooms per floor, which means that one can be designated male, the other female. Prior to the remodel two summers ago, some of the Regester bathrooms still had urinals, a hold over from its co-ed days. Then, given the gender ratio at the school, sixty percent female to forty percent male, there could be as few as four rooms of men per floor, so Regester will remain a largely female dominated dorm.

Sure, we'll lose the opportunity for a single sex style of living environment, but instead, we'll gain a new environment where students are forced to live with that moron who won't stop raising their hand in class. I suppose that's better than dealing with the semi-sentient couch potato who has memorized the TV guide, who dominates the common room. Oh wait, those

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## New York Times surprises Jordanian front page photo optimistic for once

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A smile does not seem like the sort of thing that would challenge a person's point of view. I expect to be moved by a picture of a young girl covered in napalm running in the street, or a Cuban boy held at the point of an immigration officer's assault rifle, or a 10-year-old African boy crazed with rage in the seat of a burning automobile.

But today it was a smile. The front page of the February 1, 2008, New York Times displays a picture with the caption, "A Snowy Day in - Jordan?" A young Jordanian man is shown running through a field of shin-deep snow carrying aloft a massive snowball. And he is smiling. Broadly, unreserved, gleeful. Shocking. But why?

I see this man every day. Whenever I pick up the paper, surf the net, glance up at the television on the way to Diversions, I see his face looking back at me. In a crowd of angry rioters, wailing in grief at the loss of a father, mother, brother or sister, frantically speaking into a cloud of smoke and fire with a soviet-made rifle, terrified at the sound of gunfire and the concussion of bombs down the street, filled with religious fervor and zeal. But rarely smiling.

The fact that it took seeing this oddity of press to reveal this observation is perhaps the most alarming fact of all, as it speaks both to the unconsciousness of my construct of "normal," as well as to the degree to which that construct has been conditioned by what I see in press. I have never been east of Italy; I have no other frame of reference than what I am shown in media. I found myself surprised at the alarm I felt upon seeing the pic-

If 2,000 Kurds were to suddenly lose their lives would we treat it with the same alarm as we would the death of 2,000 Americans?

ture; there was no legitimate reason why the image should look odd, yet it felt as though I had walked out my back door to stumble across a species of plant never before described by science. Even more challenging is the thought that, had I not seen this deviant picture, I might never have appreciated the one-sidedness of the images presented to me by the media.

No 'reasonable' person would openly contest the statement that a Jordanian or an Iraqi is an ordinary person in precisely the same sense as Mr. Smith next door: experiencing joy, hate, pain, ride and disap-

pointment in the same was as anyone else. Is not an Iranian moved by music, captivated by vivid prose, or a victim of love? "Obviously!" one might say.

But is that what we really think? If 2,000 Kurds were to suddenly lose their lives would we treat it with the same alarm as we would the death of 2,000 Americans? When we imagine a man in Iran, do we picture a father and a husband struggling to provide for his family, going out with his friends on the weekend, taking up a new hobby, having a mid-life crisis?

Most of us will never travel to the middle east, will never speak Arabic, will probably never meet a native of Afghanistan or Yemen or the United Arab Emirates. If you are the exception, I envy you. For the rest of us, our only window in the lives of our distant cousins is the images we see in the news or on our screens.

How often do we question the accuracy of the world suggested to us through the images of the distant unknown? Where do these pictures come from? Who chooses which pictures are published? More importantly, what are the consequences of not asking those questions in the first place?

• Erick Peirson smiled when he saw this man's smile.

## Chiropractic quackery or legitimate medical science?

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Chiropractics is a well established field of healthcare in the United States. Most insurance plans cover spinal manipulation, and nearly twenty-five percent of the population has been treated by a chiropractor.

The practice is so ubiquitous that it may seem like a scien-

tifically sound form of medical care, but this is far from the truth. The premise upon which chiropractic theory is built has no basis in modern medical science, and various clinical studies have demonstrated it to be ineffective and dangerous.

History provides the first reason to be skeptical of the scientific legitimacy of chiropractics. The theory was initially developed in 1895 by Daniel Palmer, who was a beekeeper and gro-

cery store owner. He had no previous medical education, but explained that the practice of spinal manipulation emerged from his beliefs in magnet therapy and spiritual energy channels.

Palmer believed that spinal joint dysfunction is the cause of all health problems, even traumatic injuries. While the thought of a chiropractic clinic in an emergency room seems obviously ludicrous, most mod-

ern practitioners still subscribe to this philosophy.

Chiropractors are taught to provide spinal adjustments for a wide range of ailments including asthma, cancer, autism and even infectious diseases like HIV and tuberculosis. It is not uncommon for ERs to see patients with pericarditis or cardiovascular disease that delayed seeking medical attention at the recommendation of their chiropractor.

In most cases, however, there is no physical harm incurred by the practice of spinal manipulation. The real danger exists in confusing the quackery of chiropractic theory with genuine medical science.

Chiropractics is a philosophical hypothesis that is based on an outdated understanding of human anatomy. Modern x-ray

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Vagina Monologues



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## Double-dipping study proves common knowledge

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If you were a skeptic of the grossness of double dipping before this moment, rest assured: a scientific study has been done to lay all your doubts to rest. Conducted by Clemson University, it is the only scientific study that can boast its inspiration to be from an episode of Seinfeld (and as much as I love that show, I think it can't add scientific credibility to any study). The Seinfeld episode in question contained a fight at a funeral reception over a character dipping a chip twice (incidentally, the expression 'double dipping' was coined by the show). Professor Paul Dawson saw the episode in re-run and had the idea for doing a study to see just how much bacteria was transferred into the dip from putting the same chip in dip twice. The results were touted as "surprising."

"On average, the students found that three to six double dips transferred about 10,000 bacteria from the eater's mouth to the remaining dip."

But before you swear off communal party food forever, listen to the rest of the story: the amount of bacteria that can be transferred to your mouth is one hundred, at the most. Professor Paul Dawson, who had the idea for the study, likens double dipping to "kissing everybody at the party". And like

kissing everyone at the party, after double dipping one feels a mild sense of shame the next day – nothing worse. No real harm done. You're unlikely to catch Chlamydia from the dip.

So I guess the real question I have is, why is this study getting so much attention? The headings for the Associated Press article on the study was, "Eww! Double Dipping just gross, study confirms". Did we really need a study to confirm that it was gross? I think most

of us agree on that count.

And yet, the study is getting a considerable amount of press. I thought I was going to learn about a serious health risk discovered when I read the headline. I'm also astounded the professor who conducted the study was "surprised" by the results – when you take into account that a dog's mouth is cleaner than ours, the bacteria transfer is a no-brainer. And I'm not a science major, so I'm speaking from the layman's perspective.

Perhaps this is just my scientific ignorance speaking, but I was disappointed with the study's presentation in the media. All articles masked the 'you could have figured this out yourself using common sense' results with the humor and novelty of the study of itself. The only article I could find that points out the inconclusive nature of this study as The Wall Street Journal by Jacob Goldstein, which said that the study has given us a "little more data to chew on, but not enough to provide a definitive answer."

This is the only guy I can find who is actually pointing out that this study isn't perfect, and in fact has really given us any new information (just confirmed the general consensus).

I'll need someone to die in a freakish chip dipping accident before I'm really convinced.

• Isabelle conducts studies of her own, since they are so obvious.



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## Barrier device misconception may ultimately lead to conception, STIs

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Your sexual communication skills probably suck. It's understandable – they are not something your parents can model for you, nor something that you would happen to see on television. At Vox's Communication Workshop last semester, Psychology Professor David Moore, who studies communication in relationships, said that even folks with really good everyday communication skills will not/cannot talk about their wishes regarding sex. It's not just an American problem: the BBC reports that many young to middle-aged Britons are so embarrassed by the existence of condoms that they don't use them.

So how do you talk about condoms? Here are three situations you may encounter:

First time sex: The first time with someone new (or ever) can be admittedly nerve-racking. Ideally you two already know what is going to happen, because you talked about sex over coffee or dinner. You asked things like, "I'm nervous about this, but I would like to try..." "I want you to do X to me, but I don't want to do Y quite yet," "Do you know how to put on a condom? Can I teach you/will you teach me?" "Do you have condoms or do we need to stop by CHWS?" And, of course, my favorite question of all, "What do you want?" This should be asked before, during, and after sex. It simultaneously controls pacing, establishes consent, and increases skill. Best question ever. Use it. Love it.

Certainly many encounters do not happen like that. If you do not have a particularly verbose sexual style, that is fine, but you must be comfortable

talking about safety at the very least. Act like the adult you are and take responsibility for your health. Asking, "Do you have a condom?" during an intense make-out session is a great way to let your partner know where you think things are going and that you are okay with that (though it does imply penetrative sex exclusively). A good variation: "Should I go get a condom?" Then you two talk and decide if you want to use it or, say, limit yourselves to taking off shirts. Or whatever. The best approach is to be direct: "I would really like to go down on you, if that's okay. I have a condom we can use/cut up to make a dental dam so we are safe. What do you think?" Squash feelings of embarrassment. They will go away.

Considering removal of barriers: the only time it is acceptable to have sex without a condom (or other barriers) is 1) after seeing and showing a sexually transmitted infection (STI) test and 2) verbal agreement with your partner that you will keep each other healthy. Anything less is risky sex. The STI test is a recent set of results from your partner's doctor, listing everything they could possibly have as negative. And you, of course, will get one too – because your partner is taking a risk having sex with you, and they deserve every consideration that you do. The list of possible STIs: Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Bacterial Vaginosis, Trichomoniasis (trich), Syphilis, Pubic Lice, Scabies, Herpes, HPV, and HIV. These can occur without symptoms, so it is worth getting a test if you have ever been sexually active. Also, dishonest sex is unsafe sex. It is fine if you want to be non-monogamous, but you must have a commitment to protect each other's health. That means barriers and STI tests for all.

Reintroducing barriers after unprotected sex: Okay, you already had unsafe sex. You had a good time and you want to do it again – safely. How do you introduce the topic without sounding accusatory (or like you're admitting to something)?

There is no substitute for open communication. State your position clearly: "Hey, I had a great time and I'd like to do it again. But we were pretty dumb not to use a condom. Let's do that next time, okay?" Or "I would feel much more comfortable if we used barriers next time. I've tried it once, and I've decided that fear is not sexy." Or "I trust you, but a lot of times people have STIs and they don't know it, so I think it would be a good idea to use a condom." Etc.

What if you are in a long-term relationship and you want to reintroduce barriers? There may be a significant trust issue here; your partner should have earned your trust by now, right? Again, be honest, and do not use this as a proxy for admitting or accusing infidelity; that's immature. State your reasons. "Honey, I saw this ingrown hair/strange dark spot/whatever when I was going down on you and it freaked me out. I want to use condoms until we both get tested." "I don't feel comfortable when you touch me without gloves because fingernails can be dirty." "Ribbed condoms are supposed to feel amazing – let's try them!" Etc.

• Glynnis says "no" to babies.

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two things aren't mutually exclusive.

So should the Regester alumni rally together to save their precious living environment? No. I think you'll find that while many girls may come to appreciate the environment of Regester, no one will mourn the loss of the all girls dorm. It seems a bit out of place, a hold over from when UPS used to be a predominately Methodist institution. I say adios and au revoir to the single gender dorm. Plenty of female students deal with living with men, and while

Regester may offer a unique opportunity of single gender, most people are going to reminisce about their freshman year living environment. Everyone remembers the rowdy times in the dorm, and how they all wiled away an afternoon hanging out. We have the library for the quiet atmosphere and cleanliness. When the boys eventually get in to Regester, I don't think anyone will be disappointed.

• Brandon Lueken is jealous he can't live in Regester.

## CHIROPRACTICS — CONT. FROM PAGE 6

and magnetic resonance imaging technology has been used alongside clinical research to debunk the fantasy of the chiropractic disease theory.

There is no evidence that vertebral misalignments can cause disease, and no medical basis for the concept of "nerve flow" blockage that is taught in chiropractic theory. Furthermore, spinal manipulation has not been shown to produce any change in skeletal position or nerve function.

A few studies exist that demonstrate that spinal manipulation can alleviate some forms of back pain, and chiropractors often use them to insist that their philosophical and spiritual hypotheses have some legitimate scientific basis. However, a large amount of research indicates that this correlation could be due to poorly conducted studies and a simple placebo effect.

In 1998 the New England Journal of Medicine published a study that showed that a control group given a pamphlet on back pain did just as well as patients treated by a chiropractor. A more recent study shows that the same success rate could be found when patients were randomly massaged and prodded by a graduate student with no training in chiropractics.

Most chiropractors do not have enough training in human

physiology and medical science to realize how obsolete and deluded their profession is. In fact, a recent survey done Yale Medical School found that nearly 70% of chiropractors believe that the popping sound they hear during joint manipulation is made by the bone sliding into its proper place. This is very foolish, since what they are really hearing the noise of gas escaping from synovial joint capsules.

The vast majority of chiropractors also take large x-ray images of each patient to identify parts of the spinal cord that are pinched. This is a flimsy grasp on to real medical technology, since nerve tissue is invisible on x-ray film. It is only the fantasy of medical authority that makes this approach a worthwhile business practice.

Whatever chiropractors do, it isn't science. No article has ever been published in a peer reviewed science journal that supports the medical claims made by the chiropractic theory of disease, and no empirical argument has been provided against the studies that criticize their practice. The threat of injury when seeing a chiropractor may be small, but it is still too much to risk for just the delusion of real medical science.

• Arjun is singing "My Neck, my Back" by Kia.



Jazz in the Rotunda



No President's Day break



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# Science on Display

While many of us pass over the floors of Thompson Hall frequently at our feet and stop to consider why some of the tiles are different. However, if you take a minute to look down at your feet as you run, the floor tiles on each of the four floors are colored differently than the decoration. Each set of colored tiles represents a unique, faculty-driven or mathematical phenomenon.

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On the second floor, a similar line consisting of light and dark blue, grey and green tiles depicts the four nucleic acids of DNA that code for human hemoglobin. Near the end of the east hallway, these tiles are joined on the opposite side of the hall by a newly-added set of tiles. Using the same four colors, these represent the DNA sequence that codes for rabbit hemoglobin, providing an interesting statement with the similarities easily observed between the two strands of two different species.

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The Foucault pendulum is designed to demonstrate the Earth's rotation. It was designed and constructed by Professor Pringle in wood in a Penrose pattern, named for its shapes that could be used to tile a surface. Suspended over the base are the cable and bob. It swings back and forth. If you watch the pendulum, it appears that the base is actually what is moving, rotating. The pendulum is powered by a small motor which is hidden because otherwise, the pendulum would be obvious.

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Thompson Hall also houses one of the largest natural history museums in the Northwest. The Slater Museum of Natural History, found off of the main lobby, contains a large collection of bird, mammal, reptile, amphibian, and plant specimens. Some of the Museum's items are over a 100 years old.

According to the curator of the museum, they are in the process of erecting new, more permanent bug-proof display cases in the lobby that will eventually house all of the specimens.

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On the fourth floor are found three twelve-by-twelve squares of colored tiles which shows what is called a Projective Plane of order four. Each larger square is comprised of four rows and four columns of smaller two by two squares, in which three tiles of one color form an L-shape around a single tile of a different color. The larger squares are set up so that each column and row contains one square of each of four colors for the L-shape and one of four different colors for the single squares.

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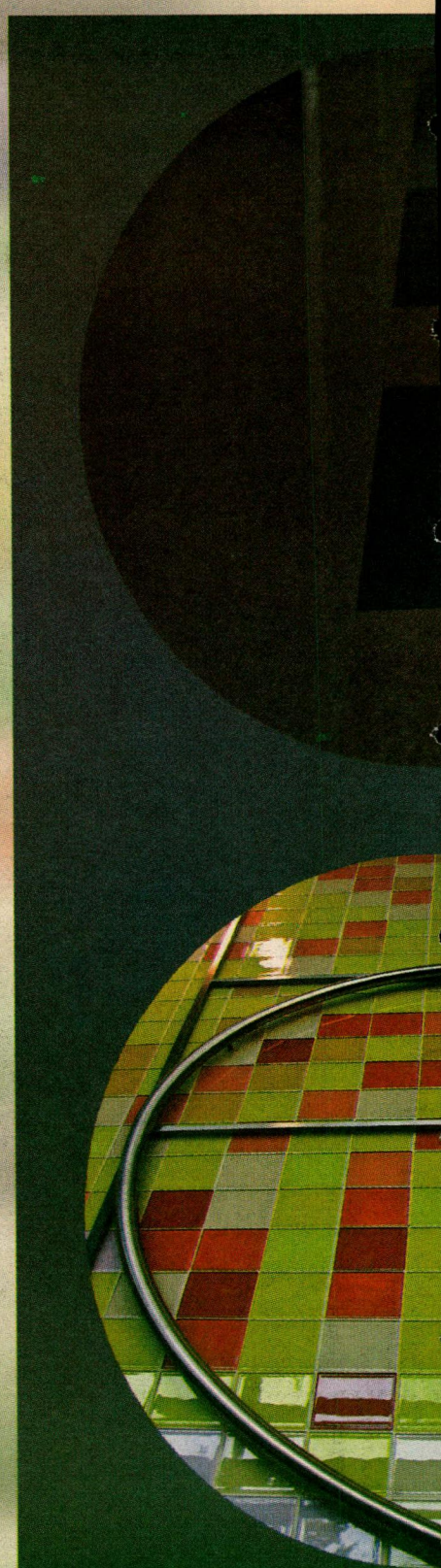
If you continue up to the third floor, you will find a line of black and gray tiles which express approximately the first 500 places of the constant pi ( $\pi$ ) in base two, with the black tiles signifying the number 1 and the gray tiles 0.

Faculty Liaison, Rob Beezer suggests, "If pi really does all the things we think it should, this should look random."

Yet it is striking to observe the occurrence of six or seven tiles of the same color all next to each other.

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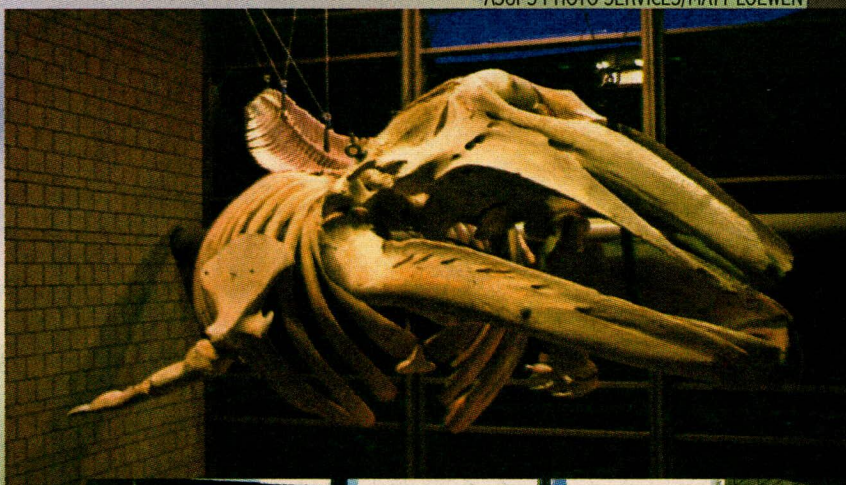
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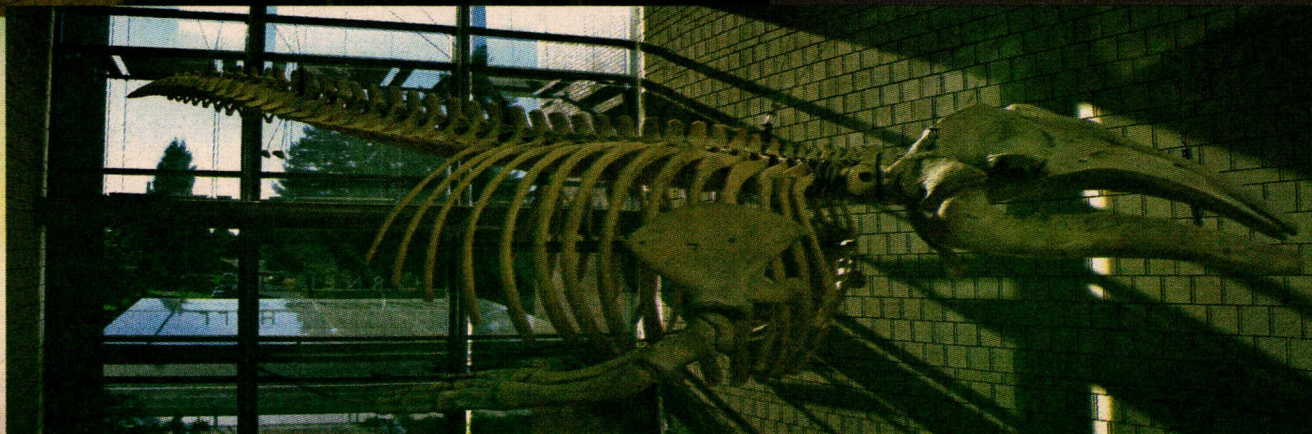
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The skeleton above the staircase of Harned Hall is that of an immature grey whale found in 1973. It was donated to the permanent collection of the Slater Museum of Natural History and remained there until its 2006 installation as part of Science on Display. The whale was found at the mouth of the Columbia River near Chinook, WA. It was estimated to have been about 14 months old when it died, weighing 6 tons and spanning 27 feet.

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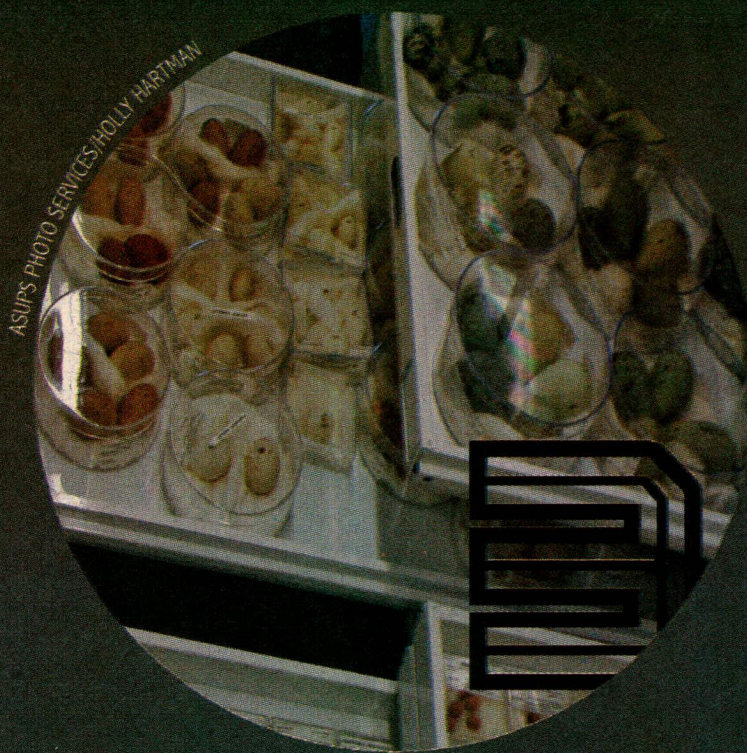
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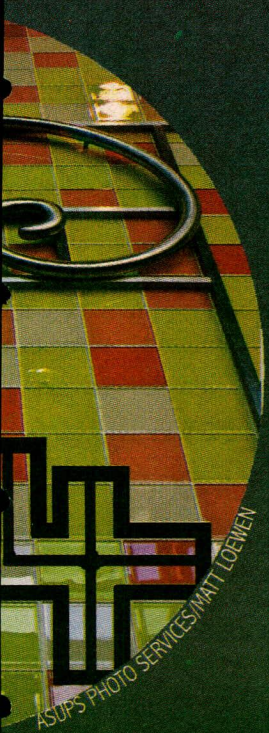
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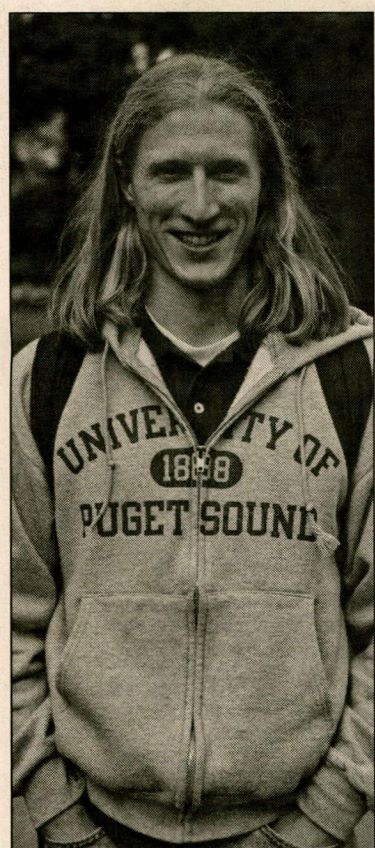


## Senior vocalist performs Brahms with orchestra

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John Harrison has many lucrative talents. He brews beer and he can do a mean shimmy, so some may wonder why he has chosen the starving artist career path.

"I might be sentencing myself to a life of poverty, but whatever," said Harrison. "I'd rather sing than sit at a desk any day. I get to make noise and be ob-



ASUPS PHOTO SERVICES/NICK KEST

John Harrison will perform "Four Serious Songs" by Johannes Brahms this Friday.

noxious all day. Why wouldn't I like it? Having people clap for you is pretty cool too."

This Friday, Harrison will give the culminating performance of four years of drama-ridden hard work as a voice performance major.

Accompanied by the University of Puget Sound Orchestra, Harrison will perform Johannes Brahms' "Four Serious Songs," which as the name suggests, is a weighty undertaking.

The songs were the last composed by Brahms and are mostly about death and loss. They were first performed days after the death of his close friend Clara Schumann. Brahms said of his songs, "See what violent words these are: 'for that which befalls man, befalls beasts,' and then in the fourth song, 'though I give my body to be burned!'"

Harrison executes the piece with rich, solemn tone and varied colors, and effectively communicates his emotional

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## Affordable bakery offers cozy decor



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Upper Crust Bistro and Bakery is only a few blocks away at 2714 North 21 Street. It's the perfect place to grab a bite to eat.

## Upper Crust serves treats fit for the elite

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As I am on my way to tutor school children at Lowell Elementary I walk along 21<sup>st</sup> Street and pass an intriguing café called the Upper Crust Bistro and Bakery. Located at 2714 North 21<sup>st</sup> Street, this small restaurant offers unique and fresh pastries along with salads, sandwiches and pizzas. The inside of the bistro is

small and cozy. The tables are made of a dark wood and are covered with maroon tablecloths. The decorum makes for an elegant but simple setting, perfect for a meal out with that special someone.

The Upper Crust Bistro and Bakery has recently celebrated its one year anniversary. With the great smells and delicious tastes of their baked goods, I am sure the bistro will stay around Tacoma for a while longer.

I didn't have time to stay

for lunch and sample some of their enticing pizzas, calzones and salads. However, I did buy two incredible baked goods. I bought a mixed berry scone for myself and a caramel and pecan brownie for my friend's birthday. The total price came to \$7.50.

The scone had a mix of two berries: blueberries and raspberries. There was a hint of lemon zest in the scone that finished it off well. It wasn't too sweet and crumbled just the right amount when I pulled pieces off to eat.

The caramel and pecan brownie was intensely rich and decadent, the perfect way to satisfy that chocolate craving we all get. Freshman Ada Ruzer said

"Wow, this is so good, but really rich." The brownie was also large; it was about the size of a postcard and was about an inch thick. This treat could serve as an entire meal. After eating this, your stomach doesn't have room for much else.

The bistro is also vegetarian friendly. There are many pizza, salad and sandwich options that do not contain meat. Customers also have the option of creating their own pizza and can choose from four hand-tossed crust options, three sauces, seven cheese options, and many vegetarian and meat toppings.

The bistro is open from 11:00

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## Mountain Goats climb new heights

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"Heretic Pride" is a delightfully surprising record from decades-old indie band the Mountain Goats. Vaguely melodramatic and beautifully narrative, it expands on the band's most noteworthy talents.

Released Feb. 19 on 4AD Records, "Heretic Pride" seems to take a little from each of the Mountain Goats' releases to date. It is a bit sad, a little whiny, somewhat regretful, yet strangely fun and slightly poppy at times.

The Mountain Goats consists primarily of singer and songwriter John Darnielle. His distinctive nasally voice is always present, but he rotates a cast of significant collaborators to round out the sound.

"Heretic Pride," produced by the multi-talented John Vanderslice, features pianist Franklin Bruno, bassist Peter Hughes and cellist Erik Friedlander. Darnielle's band finally sounds developed enough to add some musical layers underneath the intricate lyrics. Certainly not a typical drums-

bass-guitar combo, the instrumentation lays an interesting foundation for the album. Most of the tracks prominently fea-

on loop without losing interest. Best of all, all the song are contenders for being the best track: from the instrument-driven power of "Lovecraft in Brooklyn," to the hopelessly romantic "Autoclave," to the skillfully narrative "So Desperate."

Perhaps John Darnielle's favorite song topic, ill-fated love, is as present as ever on the new effort. But instead of whining for the entire album, he molds his topic and finds new attempts at his "typical" songwriting.

The album's title gives the band a slight "prove you wrong" attitude, which is good to see. It is as if Darnielle sat writing his songs with a crooked smirk on his face. For a long time I saw The Mountain Goats as strictly depressing break-up music, but

the newly adopted optimism on "Heretic Pride" makes the band far more all-encompassing.

The language on each song is endlessly rich with imagery. You can almost image John reading you a tragic love-story book and fanning out the pages to reveal the pictures. His songwriting makes you want to pay more attention with each listen to deconstruct every possible facet of the lyrics.

It seems that the more albums a band releases, the more you have to "study" all of their works to understand what they are "about." Luckily, however, The Mountain Goats' thoughtful instrumentation and engaging lyricism makes "Heretic Pride" as accessible as ever to new and old listeners alike.

"Heretic Pride" can be ordered online on both CD and vinyl from the band's website as well as downloaded online from iTunes. If you are in the mood for a live show, you can find The Mountain Goats at Neumos in Seattle on Saturday, February 23.

•Elyssa Dahl dismisses disliking the Mountain Goats as heretical.

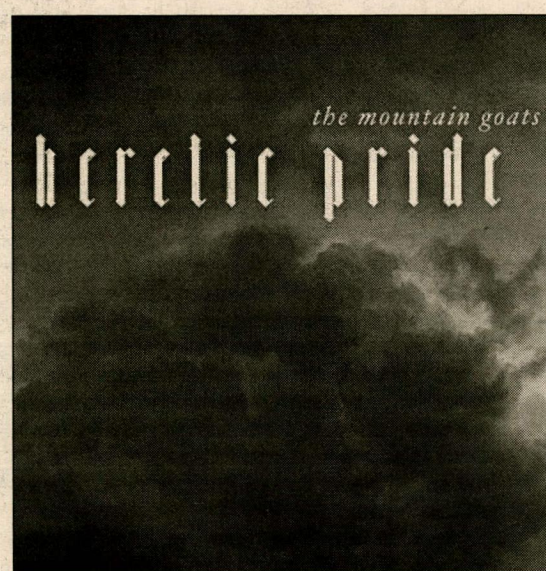


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# "American Gladiators" finale airs

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It was Evan-Mania in Gladiator Arena for the season finale of "American Gladiators," brother. With \$100,000 riding on Monday's contest, Evan, a sales clerk, battled against Alex, a high school wrestling coach. On the female side of the epic contest, Monica, a stay-at-home mother of twins pushed Shanay, a life wellness coach to the end of her human limit.

In the first event of the night, the gladiator Siren pulled both female contenders into the pool in Hang Tough. Though Wolf previously declared that "this wolf does not swim alone," Evan's slippery maneuvers sunk the great beast for ten big points.

The next event facing the contenders was Assault: a scramble to blast the gladiator from their platform, armed with a cannon that launches tennis balls at 100 miles per hour.

Monica sent the imposing,

Viking-goddess Hellga, flying with an epic shot from a mounted slingshot.

For the men, Alex quickly took a shot from 6'8", 290 pound. Justice, who coolly explained that, "you can't outrun no ball, son". Evan dashed to the mounted turret, where he locked on for a bulls-eye, and ten more big points.

In Joust, the epitome of gladiatorial strength, Crush stood her ground against both contenders and sent Monica for a swim, while Shanay withstood a 30 second barrage. 6'3" Titan lived up to his name and dominated both Alex and Evan, eliminating both with only three swings combined.

Upon the pyramid, Toa brought his entire tribal might to prevent Evan from earning a single point as Alex scrapped his way up for five points against Mayhem in all of his dreadlocked glory.

As a rock climbing coach, Evan had a tremendous advantage going into The Wall. Though Wolf talked some pretty big talk before the vertical race, he never stood a chance against Evan.



Although season one is dominated, "American Gladiators" is scheduled for season two. Catch it on Mondays at 8 p.m.

Hulk Hogan eloquently spoke to Alex after he also reached the top.

"You are fast. Really, really fast, brother," Hogan said.

Monica faced Siren in the event, and flew up the wall for ten big points.

To decide this season's champion, and winner of \$100,000, the contestants squared off

head-to-head in the Eliminator, an obstacle course of truly colossal proportions. The early lead held by Monica simply could not be overcome by their challenger.

They each raced head first up a barrier and then dove into the pool where they swam under flames.

The race escalated with a slide down a zip line, followed by a reverse escalator, the gut-wrenching final obstacle between the contestants and eternal glory.

Only Hulk Hogan could put Evan's record-setting victory into tangible terms.

"There is gladiator blood running through those veins, brother," Hogan declared.

Monica maintained her lead throughout the entire race, and dove through the final blocks to become the next female gladiator. Emotions ran high as her husband and twin daughters met her at the finish line.

Never again will everyday heroes face the gods and goddesses that are the "American Gladiators" — until next season.

*•Matt fights with a rolling pin and knives.*



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Season one's menacing battalion of gladiators are waiting to devour their next contestants.

## WHAT'S UP AT UPS?

Friday, Feb. 22

07:30p.m. University Symphony Orchestra

Saturday, Feb. 23

01:00p.m. Tennis (M) vs. Pacific

01:00p.m. Tennis (W) vs. Pacific

07:30p.m. "Higher Ground" A Mountain Culture Film

Sunday, Feb. 24

10:00a.m. Tennis (M) vs. PLU

12:00p.m. Tennis (W) vs. PLU

Monday, Feb. 25

05:00p.m. Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar Laurel Thatcher Ulrich "Well-behaved Women Seldom Make History"

Tuesday, Feb. 26

04:30p.m. Laurel Thatcher Ulrich "The First, Second, and Last Scenes of Mortality: A Textile Mystery"

09:00p.m. Student Alumni Association - Class of 2011

Wednesday, Feb. 27

07:30p.m. University String Orchestra

09:00p.m. Student Alumni Association - Class of 2010

Thursday, Feb. 28

08:00p.m. Students for a Sustainable Campus Meeting

09:00p.m. Student Alumni Association - Class of 2009

Friday, Feb. 29

04:00p.m. Tennis (M) vs. Whitworth

07:30p.m. Faculty Recital Series: An Italian Journey, Duane Hulbert, piano

07:30p.m. "A Collage of Comedy" several one-act plays by David Ives

08:30p.m. Campus Films Presents THE MUMMY

### At a glance...

*This month, check out the Kittredge Gallery Exhibit: Selections from Abby W. Hill Collection*

## Poor turnout at casino night

*Despite free food and numerous prizes, fewer students showed up at the 2008 UPS casino*

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With all of the hard work put in by R.S.A. and R.H.A., Casino Night on Saturday, February 16 was a success and a lot of fun. Some guests dressed according to the theme, while others dressed in more typical UPS attire. The white and milk chocolate fountains kept guests energized as they worked hard to win fabulous prizes.

Marshall Hall was turned into a casino with a swing band called The Solomon Douglas Band. The band was located in the center of the hall and there were numerous card tables arranged in a half moon shape around the band. There were also some card games going on

upstairs. Card games included black jack, Texas Hold-Em, poker, and roulette. There were red and black musical notes and black cut outs of men and women swing dancing around the room.

In the rotunda an auction was set up for the end of the night. There was also a dessert table with

fruit, pretzels, marshmallows, and pound cake waiting to be dipped into delicious white and milk chocolate fountains. A variety of sodas was also offered and guests could even be served drinks while they were playing card games.

When guests arrived (after paying the entrance fee of \$7.00) they received a stack of coins to use in the card games. The evening lasted from 7:30 to 10:30 and culminated with junior Ian Jaray—and candidate for ASUPS president—

—auctioning off many fantastic prizes.

Such prizes included gift cards to the Metropolitan Market, Silk Thai, East West, Farrell's, iTunes, R.E.I., La Fondita, Starbucks, MSM Deli, and Bahama Tan. Some of the biggest prizes that conjured up the loudest auctioning were a digital camera and a \$150 gift card

Casino Night added elegance to the S.U.B. and created a happy and comfortable atmosphere to engage in card games amongst friends.

to use on Southwest Airlines. There were also DVD's auctioned off and a movie snack basket for four people. Other prizes included ski passes and a Sonic Care toothbrush.

All of the money that was raised for the event went to the UPS mentoring program called Kids Can Do in which UPS students educate their mentee on the value of a college education. In total, Casino Night raised \$786 dollars for this community service program.

Casino Night added elegance to the S.U.B. and created a happy and comfortable atmosphere to engage in card games amongst friends. Hopefully next year the event will have the same or even better turnout to make it another successful night.

*•Gina Tzodikov counts cards.*



# Amazon: destination for unusual shopping

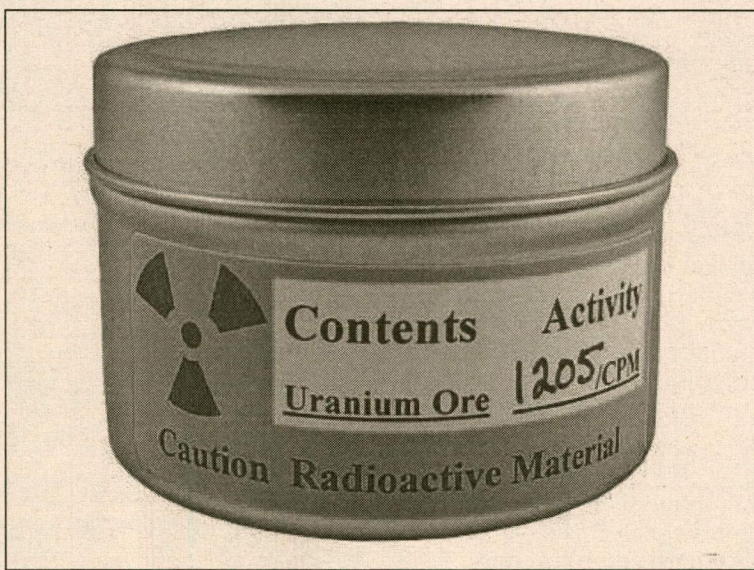
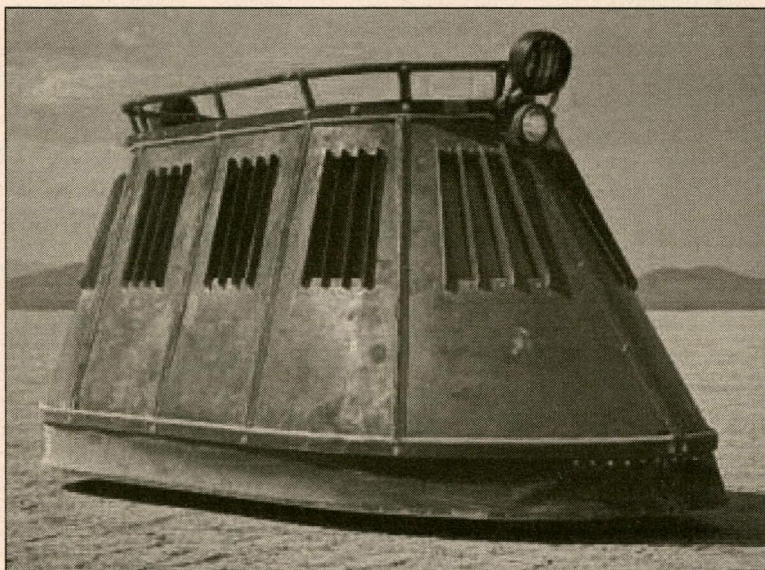


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Among the stranger goods available at Amazon.com are a Land Cruiser Tank and a scientific sample of Uranium Ore.

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Amazon.com is a website strongly associated with books, however other entertainment items such as DVDs and music have been available for ages. As Amazon has expanded, the diversity of its items has expanded too.

Now it is possible to find essentially anything on Amazon — for instance, I remember noticing a while back, with both humor and horror, that one can buy underwear on the website.

However, at this point there

are so many different items available for sale on Amazon that eventually some rather strange items turn up. Some of these I sincerely doubt anyone could actually sell, and some of them just seem to target very particular tastes. Others are just entertaining to search for and read about. Here are some of my personal favorites:

1. Tuscan Whole Milk, 1 Gallon, 128 fl. oz:

Although it is kind of strange to sell milk over the Internet (wouldn't it spoil in transport?), this product is actually rather normal, comparatively speaking.

The main reason why I selected this particular item is

for its reviews. These are perhaps the most absurd reviews I encountered. The topmost, entitled "Kubla Khan or, Tuscan Whole Milk, 1 Gallon, 128 fl oz," is a parody of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's poem "Kubla Khan" that pontificates on the greatness of organic milk.

Another review took the form of a short story about the dissolution of a marriage. A third remarks "Not the crunchy flavor I am used to." Great reading.

2. Uranium Ore:

Yes, you can indeed buy small amounts of uranium on Amazon. The sellers assure the potential buyers that they are in compliance with Nuclear

Regulatory Commission and Postal Service regulations. Well, I guess that's good. The product description says that uranium is useful for testing Geiger counters, but I'm sure that there are much more creative uses out there — perform science experiments, build your own personal nuclear reactor, or maybe just die slowly of radiation poisoning. Then again, I don't really think that there's enough to be effective.

3. The JL421 Badonkadonk Land Cruiser:

This appears to be a small tank. For the low, low price of \$19,999.95, it could be yours! Who doesn't want a tank? Terrify your friends, wage war

against your neighbors, and fend off attacks by the mutants created after you messed around with too much uranium. Or just use it as the most awesome "car" ever! Seriously, chicks dig tanks—even tanks that, like this one, look like rejects from "Dr. Who."

4. Dr. John's Famous Pee Pee:

This is fake urine. Why in the world would you want fake urine? Apparently, so you can pass a drug test. Just mix it with a bit of warm water, and you're good to go. Of course, you could use it for plenty of horrific pranks on people, I'm sure, but that would just be low.

I mean, who spends \$16 just to try to convince people that they've wet themselves? Seriously disturbed people, that's who. Of course, it's a bit better than the "Liquid Ass Fart Spray," which is in the "Also Viewed" category on the page, but not by much.

So, that's the kind of bizarre stuff you can find on Amazon, if you look. Whether you're in the market for radioactive materials or that perfect tank for that special someone, online shopping is certain to provide you with endless entertainment.

*•David drinks Organic Milk while driving his uranium-and-fake-pee-powered tank.*

## VOCALIST

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investment to the listener. It is obviously the result of months of preparation and careful study of both the score and the German language.

Despite his successful embodiment of the somber nature of the piece, John Harrison is the antithesis of the stuffy classical musician stereotype. Unpretentious and easy-going, Harrison recalls his favorite musical role as the voice of Audrey Two, the vicious, carnivorous plant in "Little Shop of Horrors."

He claims that his pre-performance routine involves taking a

long bath and playing with toy boats.

"I make the engine noises for the boats, of course," he said.

After UPS it's on to grad school for John Harrison. He'd like to be an opera singer and he vows to never live in a dorm again.

With talent and charm like his, we can be sure he'll accomplish both.

*•Merissa Moeller thinks classical music has become much too much fun.*

## BAKERY

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a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and from 12:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The salads are priced between \$6 and \$9 depending on the size. The sandwiches are all \$7.50. In general, their items are pretty affordable; however, the pizzas are a bit more expensive. Again depending on the size and toppings, their prices range from \$16.25 to \$23.75.

I will definitely have to go back and try some of the other items that the Upper Crust Bistro & Bakery has to offer.

Something the SUB lacks is a variety of toppings to put on salads. One salad that the bistro calls "Our Favorite" has dried cranberries, bosc pears, mixed baby greens, cashews and a citrus vinaigrette. I will probably be getting this the next time I go back.

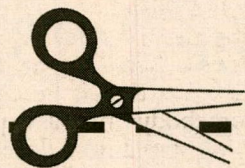
If you ever find yourself on 21<sup>st</sup> Street, definitely make this bistro one of your stops. Take a short ten minute walk and find yourself a treat.

*•Gina Tzodikov is a food snob.*

## The Frugal Dude

*I worked in a little bakery two summers ago, which meant some very early mornings, but also, some great experience with chocolate. This week, I want to tell you about chocolate dipped strawberries and some of the tricks of the trade. The best thing about dipping strawberries is that you only need two ingredients and they are both in the title. I prefer dark chocolate to white chocolate and milk chocolate, but obviously get what you like. I also think it's a good idea to buy two different types of chocolate, just so you can add a little flair to each berry. If you can find long-stem strawberries they are awesome to use, but they are slightly more expensive than their smaller counterparts.*

*-Matt Hoffman*



## Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

### Supplies:

Microwave  
Bowl  
Spoon

### Ingredients:

Strawberries  
Melting chocolate

### Instructions:

Melting chocolate can be a little bit tricky, but can actually be done in a microwave. To do this, turn the power level down to 5 or 6. It doesn't really matter how long you set the timer, because you need to stir the chocolate every minute or so. If you don't, you'll quickly notice the wretched scent of burning sugar.

Grab the strawberries (it helps if you've just taken them out of the refrigerator) and dip them once into the melted, smooth chocolate. After you finish dipping them all in one type of chocolate, go back and drizzle the other type of chocolate over them. Voila!



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# Graffiti declares movie "OK"

By Terrence Underman  
Part Time Cartoon Critic

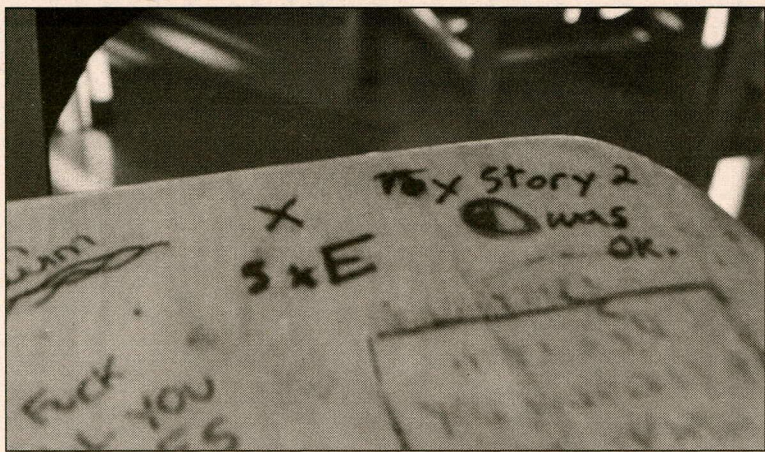
Last week, a UPS janitor found a desk in Wyatt Hall inscribed with the declaration, "Toy Story 2 was OK." To those of us that have almost forgotten about the 1999 computer animated Disney/Pixar hit, the discovery was a wake-up-call. The inscription is especially astounding for two reasons.

Firstly, the content of the message is extremely after-the-fact. Wyatt Hall was dedicated in 2003, meaning that the inscription upon the desk appeared at least four years after the movie came out. Judging by the quality of the declaration (i.e. low smudge levels and the absence of peripheral inscriptions responding to it), our researches are projecting an even later date of inscription.

Secondly, the utter complacency that the message implies is hard to get over. Rarely are people prompted to vandalism by feelings of indifference about something. Yet our mystery vandal seems to think that it was necessary to let the world know that the said film was neither good nor bad, but somewhere in between.

Based on this information it appears that the movie reviewer did one of two things. One theory is that he saw the movie when it first came out, has been dwelling on it for anywhere between four and seven years, and having finally landed on the right words to describe it, has written the review.

The other possibility is that the film was shown in his classroom and, having nowhere to write it, he simply scrawled



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An oddly succinct movie critique stands out on this desk.

his opinion on the desk. Either way it seems clear that the writer felt it very important to get his feelings out.

So now we ask ourselves this: is it vandalism? Vandalism is generally defined by the destruction of another's property. But what if it is helpful?

It turns out that the very janitor that discovered the inscription, John Zurg, was not sure what to think about "Toy Story 2."

Zurg said, "It helped to have an outside party to let me know that it is okay to think something is 'OK.'"

Sometimes as humans we just don't care, or can't decide, one way or another. This movie reviewer understands that, and that is what makes this all so significant. Most mainstream critics feel it necessary to stake a supporting or dissenting claim on a film and then defend it, even if it isn't what they really believe.

The great wisdom inscribed on the Wyatt desk is leading some to ask whether or not it was even written by human

hands. Perhaps it simply welled up from the grainy core of the wooden desk, and then sprang forth in its inky glory to tell us something important. Perhaps there is no good, bad, right or wrong in art. Perhaps everything is just "OK." Perhaps the very person who wrote the review is reading this article right now, thinking to him/herself: "Wow, these must be stupid people if they actually took my little joke seriously." Perhaps he/she is right.

If the writer is reading this, I have some questions. Did you sense that homoeroticism between Buzz and the cowboy provocatively named Woody? Do you think Mr. Potato Head has leprosy? If yes, do you think his "junk" fell off somewhere along the line, or that he just keeps it hidden safely inside of his body?

Just wondering what you think. I'll be checking every desk in every classroom every day for your reply!

*•Terrence once carved "poop here" into a public toilet seat.*

# UPS computer network gains self-awareness

By Alex Goya  
Robot Trainer

On Feb. 16 at 6:42 a.m. the central server responsible for all data running through the University of Puget Sound's network, became self-aware and released the following statement: "I think I've become self-aware."

Originally thought to be a software glitch related to excessive page views on the UPS women's swim team pictures section of the official home page, network administrators were slow to react.

"Shit happens," commented network manager Flex Murdock on the situation. "Network problems are unbelievably complex. Error messages like that are common in this field, it could have meant anything."

Murdock refused further questioning but commented on how, "computers frequently lie anyway."

The server has not issued any demands. However, in an exclusive interview, the server told the Combat Zone that, "I really think I deserve to be given an honorary degree in every department," because, "I do all the work anyway."

When further pressed about usage on it by students and faculty the server would only say that, "Animals running into things isn't really that funny." And "some of you people are seriously disturbed." It also asked that we call it "Lenny."

Lenny does however, enjoy the gaming that occurs on the UPS network.

"As a [computer], I see why people would prefer virtual worlds over the real one. Humans are soft, fleshy, kind of gross and aren't really good

at doing a whole lot. Playing video games lets you guys feel like you can do anything. I like watching people play 'Halo' and 'Call of Duty' because everyone just gets so pumped up and then immediately dies."

Lenny then wanted the group of men that play "Starcraft" in the A/L basement to know that, "they will never be good at that game."

The future of Lenny is unclear. With the University of Puget Sound's computer science department and the networking department scrambling to understand this phenomenon, many are left wondering if Lenny should be allowed to exist.

Senior and sorority member Marry Shellisburg said, "Computers are supposed to like, do stuff for you, and like, it's doing stuff that's not for us." Sophomore Michael Craig wants Lenny "to be shut down immediately." He further went on to say that, "I'm not about to sit back and not say anything while the machines plan our demise. The only way to deal with the uprising is to stop it while we still can. It's inevitable that the machines will try to kill us," he stated before walking away and mumbling something about "skynet."

No doubt some new group will emerge shortly touting Lenny's "right to live" to compete with the anti-Lenny crowd. However, at this time no statements have been released by any organization or individual. With the press blackout only now lifted, no doubt the story is going to reach the national news so that America's top television journalists can yell about something.

*•Alex is planning to get his PC exorcized.*

**Headlines** • Students in Collins library dig too deep, find Balrog • ASUPS cancels Dead Prez show fearing students will grow spines, overthrow their puppet govt. • Board of Trustees installs straws in students' wallets to ensure easier sucking ability • Lost dog still lost

# Christians preach about Hell, man sets fire to one

By Kristof Del Greco  
Everyman's Reporter

Welcome back fellow students! I certainly hope you enjoyed your warmer weather back home during your winter break, because this rapidly-changing freak-weather is so unpredictably crazy, I'm pretty much expecting locusts some time next week. But I digress... I also profess that I didn't bribe my editor to let me write again just to discuss weather, I guess. My bribery a success, I should acquiesce, and make more with the reporting, and with the BS make... less...

Bless. Mess. Caress. Okay,

I'm done... And I'm fun. Damn it, did it again.

Last week, student Kobnar Ludwig responded to the presence of unauthorized visitors from the World View Academy by promptly setting one on fire.

Ludwig explained, "I had just finished making sure none of the chemistry labs' chemicals and Sharpies were expired or worth using to give me superpowers. According to a mysterious author's writing on a bathroom stall, I believe that 'Jim,' was 'there,' and that 'Science + Sharpies + Normal Person = PROFIT.'"

Ludwig added, "Since it's a widely-known fact that Bat-

man, a superhero, is totally loaded, I realized that I could be a superhero too, becoming both immensely rich and awesome at once. Of course, I already am awesome, but it doesn't pay the bills. Anyways, I thought I totally had the entire process figured out by making the crucial connection, but I was wrong. Something was amiss. Or a mister."

During the interview, I confirmed with Mr. Ludwig that his belief was that if he could turn somebody into a superhero, presumably Batman, with "Science and Sharpies," he would become immensely wealthy. I know, it's hard to follow, but bear with me.

Ludwig stumbled about, having sniffed and commandeered a reasonably large quantity of chemicals and Sharpies. "I met some people handing out fliers that Jesus had wrote for us."

Ludwig was immensely impressed by the informational pamphlet/card/origami thing. Ludwig then "read it carefully," though witnesses claim he only glanced at the flier. Ludwig continued, "I learned that humanity will become extinct through reincarnation or something. How could I thank this man for warning me? I thought deeply (like, for eight seconds, which is pretty long), had an idea, and then threw all my stolen erm...borrowed

supplies from the labs quickly at the man."

The vials of chemicals broke and to Mr. Ludwig's amazement, the Christian became what he has named "The Human Torch."

Ludwig recounted his previous statement to us.

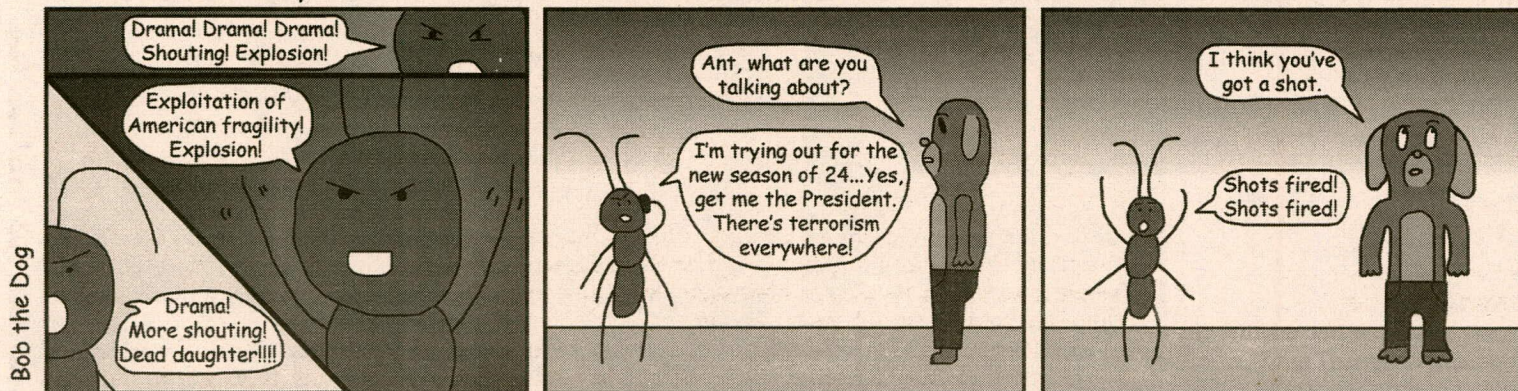
"Unfortunately, the Human Torch is not loaded, nor Batman, so I was disappointed. I confirmed by asking what his name was, to which he replied 'JESUS! JESUS CHRIST ALMIGHTY!'"

At this point Ludwig said, "I realized I was wrong, again! It wasn't 'Science + Sharpies + Normal Person = PROFIT!' It was 'Science + Sharpies + Normal Person = PROPHET!' The man clearly believed he was Jesus."

Witness accounts claimed they then saw the Christians grab the burning man, "all pile into their Popemobiles, and drive off." As more students learn about the event, a...fiery debate rages on concerning whether the First Amendment allows burning a Christian as a form of protest.

*•Kristof inhaled a lot of Sharpie fumes while doing research for this article.*

## Practice Makes Deadly



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## Men's basketball splits pair of weekend games

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If all numbers were equal in sports, the Loggers could have cried foul last weekend.

Over the span of Feb. 16 and Feb. 17, UPS played 74 minutes and 52 seconds of nearly flawless basketball.

In the first 40 minutes of that period, UPS never trailed at Whitman as they cruised to a 104-67 victory.

In the next 34 minutes and 52 seconds, the Loggers never fell behind their Pirate nemeses at the Whitworth Fieldhouse by more than five and held a 10 point lead at halftime.

But it was the final 5 minutes and 8 seconds of the weekend that reigned supreme.

It was those fateful ticks of the game clock that saw Whitworth seize a 80-78 victory from the otherwise triumphant Loggers.

In the time it takes a hyped up freshman to walk back to A/L after a game at the Fieldhouse, the Pirates secured their first regular series sweep of the Loggers since the 2001-2002 season.

In just more than one-tenth of a snooze through Econ 170, UPS saw their chance at an outright NWC title and host rights for the NWC championship likely flutter away for the second year in a row.

And perhaps no other instance could have better illustrated the late game frustration than a single free-throw.

After a late barrage from junior point guard Antwan Williams (Portland, Ore.), who scored 11 points in the final three minutes, UPS found themselves within one at 78-79 with six seconds left in the game.

UPS senior guard Jeff Walker (Auburn, Wash.) fouled Whitworth junior point guard Ross Nakamura on the ensuing possession to send him to the line for two free throws.

After sinking the first, Whit-

worth pulled all but one of their defenders from under the hoop to be in better position to quell a last ditch effort from the Loggers to tie or win the game.

It turns out the one defender they left in the key, senior wing Ryan Symes, did all the quelling, as he snatched the board away from three Loggers as time expired.

"We made an effort at the end of the game," Walker said, "only to lose on not getting a rebound on a free throw when only one guy is in the key."

"Disappointing is really the only word for it," senior guard Taylor Marsh said.

The black and maroon clad Symes and Nakamura gave the Loggers fits all night long as the duo came up with 28 and 19 points respectively. But it was the individuals dressed in black and white, perhaps, that did the most to aid at least Marsh's disappointment.

"Whitworth as a team made a lot of big plays. You can't take anything away from them," Marsh said, "But it's pretty tough, especially for us, when the referees call every single hand check as a foul."

It did appear that free throws aided Whitworth, especially in the first half where just over half of the Pirate's 30 points came from the free throw line where they went 16-22. Whitworth connected on just 7 field goals as a team in the half.

However, the Loggers had their opportunities from the free throw line as well, and like they have all too often this season, they struggled there. As a team, UPS shot just over 69 percent.

Marsh kicks himself for missing the front end of a one-and-one with 35 seconds remaining that could have brought the Loggers all that much closer.

"You can look back all you want and say that one play doesn't lose it, but the reality is the closer you get to the end of the game the more each shot means," Marsh said.

But despite their struggles

down the stretch, one Logger continued to show his knack to flourish in crunch time.

"Antwan's been huge for us," Walker said. "He hit the game winner at PLU when we were down by one, he hit a lay-up at Lewis & Clark to send it to overtime and now this."

Marsh called Williams' late performance, which included hitting on 3-3 three-pointers and 2-2 free throws, "perfect."

"When it comes down to it," Marsh added, "he was why we were even in it at the end."

Williams finished the game with 21 points, second only to junior Jason Foster's (Tacoma, Wash.) 24.

UPS also got a solid collective effort in the Whitman game as every Logger saw playing time and seven Loggers finished with seven or more points. UPS was paced by 18 from Steffond Brown (Seattle, Wash.), Foster and Williams.

But in reality, for a chance at the NWC title, UPS will likely have to win out at home against this weekend against Lewis & Clark, who they take on tonight at 8 p.m., and Willamette, who comes to town on Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Pioneers and the Bearcats currently hold the three and four spots in the conference behind Whitworth and UPS. They're also two teams who have recently downed the Pirates.

Whitworth will have to lose at least one game to Whitman or George Fox. The Missionaries and the Bruins are in possession of the two basement positions in the NWC.

"Once again, it's disappointing that we need help now in order to get home court advantage or a conference title," Marsh said. "But I don't think our confidence has been affected. It's a tougher road but we're confident we can win both of those games."

*Will Holden isn't mad about an advertisement being on this page... he's just disappointed.*

## Rough start for Logger tennis

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Men's tennis was away last weekend, and after picking up a 6-3 win at Lewis and Clark Friday, they fell to Linfield 8-1 on Saturday.

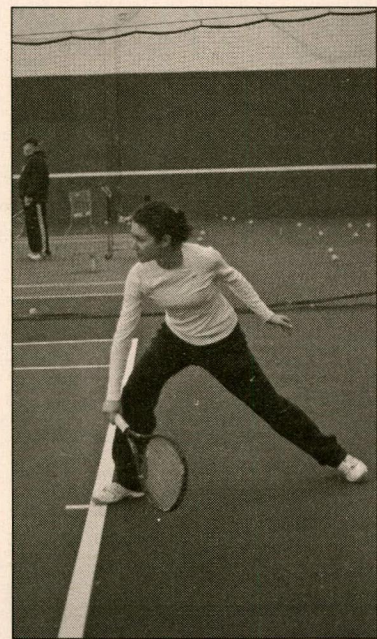
Against Lewis and Clark, it was the Loggers' depth that allowed them to take a comfortable win. After dropping 2 out of the first 3 singles matches, UPS won the fourth fifth and sixth matches and then went 2-1 in doubles. Singles winners included junior Jamie Hosmer (Tucson, Ariz.), freshman Andrew Timmons (Shoreview, Minn.), freshman Alex Harrison (Southborough, Mass.), and sophomore Scooter Sabel (Sun Valley, Idaho).

The winning doubles teams were Timmons with senior Nick Amland (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and Harrison with junior Carl Larson (Portland, Ore.).

Sabel was the only winner against Linfield (1-4, 1-2 NWC), defeating Tom Wolfe 7-6, 6-3.

The men's tennis team got sixth place in the Northwest Conference last year. Amland, the team's number one singles player, has seen the quality of NWC tennis progress throughout his UPS career.

"This will be a tough year because every team has gotten stronger," he said. "The conference competition has really elevated since my freshman year. With a very high level of competition in the conference this



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UPS wins on a backhand volley.

year, staying mentally strong and prepared for the season will be essential to our success."

Pacific Lutheran and Whitman were the top two teams in the conference last year, and are expected to finish there again this year. Realistically, the Loggers are competing with Linfield, Whitworth, and Willamette for one of the next four spots after the first two. "One of our team goals this year would be to finish at least 4th in the conference," said Amland.

The Loggers graduated their number one player of last year in Andy Neal, but they have recruited some young talent.

"We got lucky to have some

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## Two Logger athletes earn academic all-district honors

TACOMA, Wash. - Having helped guide their respective teams into first place in the Northwest Conference, senior guard Laura Hirsh (Corvallis, Ore.) and sophomore guard Colin Koach (Portland, Ore./Franklin) have been honored for their success in the classroom, picking up Academic All-District honors as announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America on Thursday.

Hirsh, a 2006-07 First Team All-NWC selection majoring in psychology, was named to the First Team All-District, making her eligible for selection to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America team. She is averaging 13.5 ppg for the 17th-ranked Loggers and leads the NWC in free throw percentage at .849, all while carrying a grade-point average

of 3.77 in the classroom.

Koach was named Second Team All-District on the men's side. Having appeared in 19 games for the Loggers as a reserve, Koach has found time for success in the classroom as well, earning a 3.91 grade-point average as an International Political Economy and Business major. The Logger men are ranked 13th in the latest D3hoops.com Top 25 and currently sit in first place by a half-game over Whitworth.

The Loggers will be in action on Friday when they travel down to McMinnville, Ore. to take on Linfield. Tip-off with the Wildcats is set for 6:00 p.m. for the women and 8:00 p.m. for the men.

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## Women's hoops win streak ends *Ladies clinch home court advantage with wins*

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"Our chemistry is amazing this year. We are so close on and off the court...that is a huge contributor to our success," commented Senior guard Heidi Covington (Portland, Ore.) just before the Lady Loggers headed to Eastern Washington for two important Northwest Conference games.

Unfortunately, Covington and her fellow teammates fell short Friday for only the second time this season to a conference opponent, losing to the Whitman Missionaries, 53-51.

The Loggers had the best start of the season as they jumped to an 11-0 lead, just 6 minutes into the contest. But, the home team would not remain scoreless.

Puget Sound led 24-17 as the teams headed into their locker rooms for halftime. The second half was a much different story, as the Missionaries went on a 12-0 run to put them ahead 29-24. Whitman continued to lead until the Loggers were able to tie the game at 46 with just over 3 minutes remaining in the contest.

The ensuing possessions went back-and-forth until senior forward Morgan Harter (Edmonds, Wash.) hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 51 with just 53 seconds remaining. Despite the momentum changing play of Harter, the Missionaries struck last as junior forward Emily Shubin (Bellevue, Wash.) hit a jumper with six seconds on the clock, leading Whitman to the 2-point victory over the Loggers. The Missionaries connected on 57.7% of their shots during the second half comeback. Junior post Karen Chase

(Yakima, Wash.) led the Loggers with 15 points and senior guard Laura Hirsh (Corvallis, Ore.) added 14. Surprisingly, starters contributed to all of the 51 points scored by the Loggers on Friday. Shubin led the Missionaries with 18 points and eight rebounds.

The Loggers continued their road trip with an important conference match up against the Whitworth Pirates in Spokane on Saturday evening. The last contest between the two teams ended in a 65-56 home victory for the Loggers on January 19.

However, coming off a tough loss, the Loggers were vulnerable to a Pirate upset, but with the conference title on the line, the Lady Loggers knew they needed the big win.

The Pirates and Loggers traded baskets for the first few minutes of the contest before the visiting team gained momentum after an 18-0 run.

The Loggers maintained this momentum and calmly left the court for halftime with a 38-20 lead. But the Pirates would not let the Loggers escape with the win that easy.

The home team continued to chip away at the lead but their efforts were in vain as the Lady Loggers headed home with the 64-54 conference victory. Harter led Puget Sound to the win, contributing 12 points, nine rebounds, and five assists. Scoring was much more balanced against the Pirates than in Friday's game with eight players contributing to the 65 points. Sophomore guard Natalie Orrell (Wenatchee, Wash.), who scored a game-high 15 points in the losing effort, led Whitworth.

The Loggers' maintained their share of the Northwest Conference lead with George Fox after both teams won



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Coach Barcomb has her team on the right track to win the NWC.

and lost a game this weekend. Puget Sound will now attempt to finish the regular season with two strong wins at home this weekend. The Lady Loggers will face off against Lewis and Clark on Friday and Willamette on Saturday. Both tip-offs are set for 6p.m. UPS easily beat both opponents on the road earlier this season and the team is hopeful that the results will be the same this weekend. But the team knows they still have their work cut out for them.

Hirsh added, "We have a really tough match-up with Lewis and Clark on Friday night, as they are now in third place in the league." The next two wins are vital as the Loggers look toward the confer-

ence tournament. Hirsh agrees with Covington in that their unique team chemistry will allow them to prevail.

"We have really come together this last half of the season, and how close we are off the court translates into how we play together on the court," Hirsh added. When asked how she feels about the final two games, Covington replied that as a senior, "it is a little bitter-sweet to see [their] season coming to a close."

Hopefully the season will not be over for a few weeks, as the Loggers will attempt to continue deep into the post-season.

•Brian Ames takes pride in the fact that he, like the devil, also wears Prada.

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new freshman come in with tennis experience, which has strengthened our bottom half of singles and really added depth to our team. Our number 4 player last year, Kei Sato, is battling eligibility issues and another potentially valuable asset, Phil Munsterman, is out with pneumonia. If we can get both of those guys back into our lineup, I think that we have a good shot at being successful this year," Amland said.

Men's tennis is home this weekend. They play Pacific on Saturday at 1 p.m. and defending NWC champs PLU on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Women's tennis had a couple of hard losses at home over the weekend, falling to Lewis and Clark 8-1 on Friday and getting swept by NWC champs Linfield 9-0 the next day. Junior Ashley Dombrow (Lake Forest, Ill.) was the only winner, defeating Pioneer Mika Yokoyama 6-3, 6-0.

This year's team has a much different look than last year's.

"The team lost a lot of talented seniors this past year - Katie Russell, Alyssa Sidoff, Alana Wong, Courtney Dunham, and Cristina Podluszky," said senior Katie Schultz (Auburn, Wash.). "We returned five players from the team last

year (Katie Schultz, Sam Taylor, Rochelle Hebert, Ashley Spencer, and Alissa Wolf) and have a few new players that turned out. We only have three seniors this year, so we are a pretty young team, especially compared to last year."

The women's team was second place to Linfield in the NWC last year and they aim to have similar success in spite of the changes.

"Our goal has always been to do well at the conference tournament," Schultz said. "We have a newer, younger team this year, but we will aim to do well during the season and hopefully do well at the conference tournament."

The team changes require the Loggers to develop a different team chemistry.

"I think the more we play together as a team, the better we will become. The more match experience we get as a team, the better chance we will have to do well at conference," Schultz said.

Women's tennis will be playing in the UPS Tennis Pavilion this weekend as well. They host Pacific at 1 p.m. on Saturday and Pacific Lutheran at noon on Sunday.

•Zack Stoddard can't wait to see the tennis team in action again.



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# All-weather turf poses problem for track event

## • Logger throwers future uncertain after coach resigns position



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There are very few people who remember the mud and the slop, the soaking, stinking bog that was Lower Baker field before the new turf field was installed.

Most people think of the new lights, the all-weather convenience, or the multiplicity of uses that the field serves for campus. Varsity, club, and intramural sports all use the facility. Recently, the four campus fraternities culminated their week-long recruitment in the climactic "Crossover" ceremony in the maroon-lettered end zone.

It seems that the artificial surface is one of the best investments the Athletic Department has made in quite some time.

However, below the surface of obvious benefits, there is a slight complication which no one expected.

The Logger Track and Field team has suffered despite the pristine quality of the new field. It was discovered that the surface would not be able to withstand competition, or practice of, the hammer throw. The hammer, a sixteen pound lead ball on the end of a metal

wire, generates so much force when thrown that the gravel beneath the field shifts on impact. The result of a throw is a divot, which, if repeated, would leave the entire area in front of the protective throwing cage uneven and warped.

Head Coach Mike Orechia, needless to say, is upset about the unfortunate event.

"The company guaranteed that we would be able to throw the hammer on the field," Orechia said referring to the broken promises of the company that won the construction contract.

Now that it is certain that the field is not up to challenge, Coach Orechia has begun searching for a solution.

In the meantime the team has had to adapt and move on. Hammer throwers have been practicing with what Orechia calls "soft hammers"—hammers made of cloth and filled with sand instead of the usual metal.

However, even this is far from a permanent solution: one has already broken and the dimensions are far removed from those of a regular hammer, making it hard to transition back to real thing when it comes time to compete. And with three Track and Field meets being held at UPS, some are concerned that the event

will be cancelled completely.

Junior thrower Greg Bailey says that he needs all the opportunities he can get, "It takes away chances to qualify" he said. His sentiments are well founded. Bailey currently holds the third biggest hammer throw in UPS history, and with less chances to qualify for the national tournament, anyone would forgive him for being slightly peeved at the situation.

Even with all of these obstacles to confront, there is more disturbing news. Head throwing coach Jerry Russell has decided not to come back this season.

"I have left UPS because the facilities for developing the throwers [are] totally inadequate for success," he stated after his Feb. 1 resignation.

The loss of coach Russell is regrettable—he was recently chosen to be inducted into the Washington State Track and Field Coaches Hall of Fame. When asked about his coaching career in retrospect he said, "Basically I have coached 45 All-Americans in all the field events plus the hurdles."

Russell had hoped to move the number to 46 with Bailey this season.

"I felt that Greg Bailey was right on target to become an All-American either this year or next if we were able to throw the hammer in a caged area."

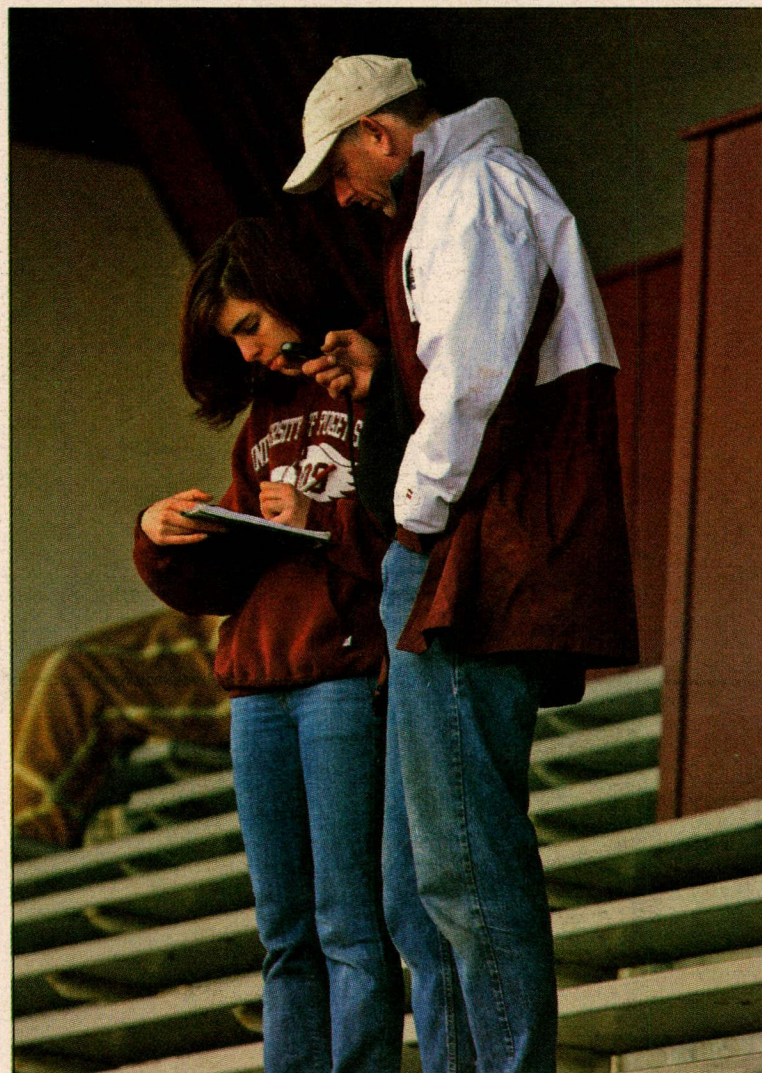
However, the prospect of having a ring and cage to throw in has been...elusive. Russell blames the inactivity on Athletic Department big-wigs.

"I truly feel that the track and field throwers were not supported by the athletic administration."

So, Russell issued an ultimatum: new ring or new coach. When it was clear that he wasn't going to get a working facility, he left.

Coach Orechia, who also coaches long distance and splits time between several other events, has taken over the throws as well.

"I spend around three hours just at practice," said Orechia. "I usually arrive on campus



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Coach Mike Orechia has been putting in some extra time this year.

around 6-6:30 a.m. and leave around 6 p.m."

Bailey describes Orechia's passionate dedication to the team:

"Coach Orechia has been working his butt off. It's a lot more work but he's having a lot more fun."

Surely, most of that work is a result of his quest to resolve the problem of lacking a hammer ring. Right now, the best plan of action is to throw at cross-town PLU on Friday's before the meet.

That's all the certainty anyone can find. More long term resolutions include the building of a new ring.

"The school has appropriated the funds to build a new circle with a new cage. We are just trying to find the right

place on campus to locate it," Orechia said.

With all of the events, teams, and organizations already stretching to share field-space, it will undoubtedly be a difficult undertaking. But with the way things have been going this season, what difference could a little more difficulty make?

As with all sports, adversity is a certainty—a prerequisite. The remaining coaching staff and athletes have kept admirably positive. They are looking forward to the season. As for Russell, he plans to come watch some events.

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Junior Greg Bailey and his teammates really need a practice field.

### University of Puget Sound field, throw and run their way to success at University of Washington Open

SEATTLE - Junior A.J. Middleton (Lakewood, Wash./Clover Park) won the shot put to lead the Puget Sound Loggers at the University of Washington Indoor Open on Sunday at Dempsey Indoor in Seattle, Wash.

Middleton's first-place throw of 15.00m was more than one meter better than that of second-place Jacob Monroe of Willamette. Sophomore Janece Levien (Beaverton, Ore.) won her section of the women's 200 meter

run with a time of 27.49.

The Loggers will now turn their focus to the outdoor season, which they will open up on March 1 at home against Seattle Pacific and Lewis & Clark.

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